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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The steamship stranded at Hatteras is the Northeastern with crude oil;she will be a total los ; the crew were sa ed ——. The L F De Bondeware Lumber Co, Norfolk Va, has been thrown into involuntary bankruptcy ——— Plans have been completed for a number of wireless telegraph stations along the coast from Portland, Me, to Gal eston, Texas —— Director North of the Census Bureau gives notice that the cotton ginners' report will be discontinued unless they re. ce ve the hearty co. operation of the cotton growers of the South —— Japanese report the capture of Richlung fort at Port Arthur, after a desperate fight with the defenders —— Depew will succeed himself as U S Senator from the State of New York ——— J B Barrow killed his mother.in-law, attempted to kill his wife and then shot him elf at Thomasville, Ga——— Raymond Bynum shot and killed J H Alford at Raleigh, N C —— Three persons lost their lives in a fire near Geneseo, N Y——— N. Y. markets: Money on call was steady at 2½@3 per cent; flour held higher but trade was quiet; corn easy, No. 2 66c at eleva or; oats firm; mixed 35½c 36½, rosin 2.80@2.85; spirits quiet and unchanged in price.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 29.

Meteorological data for the twenty four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8, A. M., 38; 8 P. M., 42 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum 28 degrees; mean 35 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.74 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday, light west winds.

Port Almanac—December 30.

Sun Rises	7.11 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.51 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 45 M.
High Water at Southport	2.17 P. M.
High Water at Wilmington	4.47 P. M.

A fool and his money soon part when his automobile goes broke.

The Star had a pleasant call yesterday from Mr. A. C. Johnston, editor of the Clarkton Express.

Only those who have cotton to burn can afford to adopt the heroic treatment prescribed by that Alabama man.

While the thing is on, Ireland might propose to John Bull that an arbitration treaty might save many a tale of woe.

The Raleigh Post says: "It is time to be thinking about what you will write on that new leaf when you turn it over." Oh! that will be all write.

It is now asserted that a woman's teeth will indidate her age. Yes, but if they indicated that she is as old as she is will declare that they are false.

A lawyer who believes that Mrs. Chadwick is bankrupt, declares that she hasn't got anything worth having. He is dead wrong. Her nerve is worth a great deal.

"Paris is not as frisky as it used to be," writes back Col. Henry Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal. A man 65 years old is not expected to see the frisky side of things.

A boy wrote a letter to Santa Claus and asked him to orlng him a typewriter. Of course the boy meant a machine, but if he had been a man Santa Claus would have known his business.

We refuse to change the name of The Morning Star to "The Big Stick," because we believe the delinquent subscribers will yet see the point and come in while the periodicity of arbitration is still in the almanac.

The ashington Post declares often, and quotes home people and foreign visitors, that Washington is distined to be the most magnificent city in the world. It exceedingly ifies us to note this brilliant prospect for one of our Southern cities.

The Roosevelt administration keeps on discharging letter carriers for being too active in trying to elect to Congress men who were their choice. The cabinet officers who were very pernicious in electing their man for President go scot free. The absurd side of this matter ought to strike somebody somewhere.

The Republican Supreme Court, of Colorado, has kept throwing out Democratic members elect till the next General Assembly will be Republican. Now there is a plan for that Legislature to seat Governor Peabody for another two years' term in spite of the fact that Adams, Democrat, was elected by a majority of 10,000. Why, Colorado ought to remember that even North Carolina gave the Fusionists a chance for eight years!

Is it a nice tie, suspenders, hal hose, collars, cuffs or anything else in the gents' furnishing line for Christmas? Our friends tell us they never saw a prettier line of such goods as are now open at our store. Come early to get best selections. This is the place: "At the Sign of the Golden Arm," I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Other local, fourth page

— Nellie Edwards, colored, was given 30 days by the Mayor yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct, committed Tuesday.

— The Christian Scientists will hold their first services in their new hall in the Odd Fellows' Building, Sunday, at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

— The Rev. N. W. Watson, pastor of Grace Methodist church, will be the speaker at the meeting for men to be held at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

— The Star is under obligations to J. L. Shoemaker & Co., dealers in bookbinders' materials, 15 South Sixth street, Philadelphia, for a very handsome and useful calendar for the new year.

— By deed filed for record yesterday, Daniel Howard and wife transferred to Thomas J. Lossen, for $375, property on south side of Dawson, 66 feet east of Third street, 66x132 feet in size.

— The cotton market yesterday gave no encouragement to holders of the staple, who have been awaiting higher prices. Futures were off a few points from the day before and New York spot was off 15 points, closing quiet at 6.85 for middling. Local receipts were 533 bales against 827 same day last season.

— Justice Fowler yesterday held for the Superior Court in bonds of $50 each, John Brown, colored, charged with committing a nuisance in Chadwick's bar on Market streeet, and Amey Carter, colored, charged with abandoning his wife, Mary Carter, and and infant child. In default of bond both defendants went to jail.

— The Lyric Stock Company, which is playing this week at the Academy of Music and which gave way for Creston Clark last night, filled in the date with a return engagement at Mount Olive. The company will return this morning, appearing at the Academy again to-night.

— Raleigh Post: "State Agriculturist Hume has returned from the eastern part of the State, where he has been looking at sites proposed for the State experiment farm, which the department of agriculture will establish. The sites offered are along the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad between Goldsboro and Wilmington.

REV. J. A. McKAUGHAN CALLED.

Asked to Become Pastor of the Brooklyn Baptist Church, This City.

At a special conference of Brooklyn Baptist church last night, a call was unanimously extended to Rev. J. A. [illegible]han, of Ashpole, Robeson [illegible] N. C., to become pastor of the [illegible]ion. The call was forwarded [illegible]d an answer is expected at [illegible] date. Rev. Mr. McKaughan recently preached to the Brooklyn church congregation and made a decidedly favorable impression. It is earnestly hoped that he will accept. The church has been without a pastor since last August when Rev. J. L. Vipperman resigned to return to his former charge at his old home at Dallas, N. C. Rev. Mr. McKaughan is a man in the meridian of life and is a strong and eloquent pulpit speaker besides combining many of the other qualities necessary to the ideal pastor.

Guard's Wife Has Smallpox.

The wife of Mr. Press Stevenson, a smallpox quarantine guard, was discovered with smallpox at the family home, No. 915 North Seventh street, yesterday. The disease, however, was not contracted through any connection of Mr. Stevenson with the quarantine service, Mrs. Stevenson having recently visited a section in South Carolina where smallpox was prevalent. Three persons in the family have been quarantined.

Mr. Bonitz, Heavy Loser.

A large twelve-room dwelling house, furnished throughout, and in which about sixteen bales of seed cotton were stored, was completely destroyed by fire on the place of Mr. J. H. W. Bonitz, of this city, near Dudley, Wayne county, on Tuesday night. Mr. Bonitz as yet has received no particulars of the fire. He carried no insurance and suffers a loss of something over $3,000.

Big Academy Production.

The appearance last night at the Academy of Music of that eminent young actor, Mr. Creston Clarke, in the delightful comedy romance "Monsieur Beaucaire," was one of the successes of the season at the local play house. The audience should have been larger. Owing to the late arrival of the company on the evening train the curtain did not go up until nearly 10 o'clock.

Holiday Dances.

L'Agile Cotillon Club will give its annual holiday german in the Mason'c Temple ball room to-night. The music will be by Hollowbush's orchestra and Mr. E. Strudwick Nash will lead. Members of both the dancing clubs will join in a delightful impromptu german in the Masonic Temple on Monday night. Mr. George P. James has been chosen to lead.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Mayor—Notice.

J. H. Rehder & Co.—The white sale

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Sale—Mules.

Groceries—At auction.

— Miss Nellie High has returned to the city after a pleasant visit to her home in Whiteville.

TRAGEDY IN RALEIGH.

Veteran Member of Printing Firm Shot Down by His Partner Yesterday.

J. H. ALFORD THE VICTIM.

Killed by Raymond D. Bynum, With Whom He Had Dispute About Business Matter—Murderer Made Good His Escape.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—This morning shortly after 10 o'clock Raymond D. Bynum shot and fatally wounded J. H. Alford, aged 65 years and his senior partner in the printing firm of Alford, Bynum & Christophens, of this city. Mr. Alford died in Rex Hospital early in the afternoon, having been taken there soon after the shooting. Bynum has made good his escape. The men quarrelled about a business matter and the tragedy occurred in the job printing office of the firm on East Hargett street. Three hots were fired, only two of which ook effect Mr. Alford was a highly esteemed citizen of Raleigh and the homicide is universally deplored. He is a senior deacon in the First Baptist Church, of Raleigh, and had been in the printing business with the present firm for several years.

It is stated that differences had existed between the members of the firm for some time and that this morning Mr. Alford stated to Mr. Bynum that he did not like the way some accounts had been collected and accounted for; that there must be a change for the better in conducting the affairs of the firm or a dissolution of partnership. This is said to have brought on hot words between the two gentlemen, which resulted in the drawing of a pistol by Bynum and the firing of two bullets into Mr. Alford, one of the bullets making two wounds.

Before his death Mr. Alford made a statement of the affair to Mr. W. A. Taylor, which is very damaging to Bynum.

Alford died on the operating table at Rex Hopital at 6 o'clock just as the operation to locate the bullet that inflicted the most dangerous wound was being completed. Complications had set in that made the operation absolutely necessary. The ball was found to have penetrated the eighth rib on the right side, punctured the larger intestine and lodged in the tissue of the back. A slow internal hemorrhage had been in progress since shooting. Bynum, who fired the fatal shot, is still at large and is believed to have been conveyed across the country to some station, where he boarded a train and is by now well out of the way. A buggy is known to have been sent to the suburbs of the city for him early in the afternoon. The funeral of Alford will be held from the First Baptist church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The inquest will be held by the coroner to-morrow morning.

PRETTY XMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

Three Wilmington Sunday Schools Had Something Pleasant for Little Folks

Three Wilmington Sunday schools had delightful holiday entertainments last night. The exercises in each instance were well attended and the little folks enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

The young people of the First Presbyterian Sunday school were charmingly entertained at a delightful reception in Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall last evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The decorations were very pretty and during the evening a select programme of music and other entertaining features was carried out. Refreshments were served.

The annual Christmas entertainment for the children of Grace M. E. Sunday school was given in the annex of the church last night, beginning at 8 o'clock. The decorations were very pretty indeed and gifts were distributed to members of each class. A number songs and instrumental selections contributed to the pleasures of the evening. While the presents were being distributed Mrs. Mattie Chasten rendered a number of instrumental selections with cornet accompaniment by Mr. E. C. Craft. Mr. W. E. Perdew made an ideal Santa Claus for the children and kept everybody bubbling over with merriment during the evening. The pastor, Rev. N. M. Watson, and Mr. W. B. Cooper, superintendent of the Sunday school, were present and took part in the exercises. The arrangements were cleverly laid and executed under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Blue and other ladies of the congregation.

Saint Andrew's Sunday school enjoyed a delightful evening in the lecture room of the church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. There were twin Christmas trees joined by an arch from which presents were distributed to the children, Mr. Ed. Campbell having given a clever impersonation of Santa Claus. The children entertained all with a programme of songs, recitations, etc. The committee in charge was composed of Miss P Britt, chairman; Mrs. W. C. VonGlahn, Mrs. E. Norfleet and Mrs. H. W. Collins.

MR. FLANAGAN TRANSFERRED.

Some A. C. L. Changes That Were Announced at Headquarters Yesterday.

It was announced at A. C. L. headquarters here yesterday that Mr. D. E. Gardner, chief clerk in the office of the car accountant, in this city, would be made acting car accountant on January 1st of the new year, vice Mr. William Flanagan, who has been assigned to other duties. It is understood that Mr. Flanagan's new duties will be in the office of Mr. Ed. Borden, general superintendent of transportation.

CO-OPERATIVE GROCERY CO.

New Enterprise Upon Novel Plan Will Begin Business in Wilmington Early in New Year—Those Interested.

Wilmington has something entirely new in the form of a co-operative grocery company, which will begin business January 10th, of the new year, with a paid-in capital of $5,000 and an authorized capital of $25,000. The enterprise was chartered a few months ago under the name of the Co-operative Grocery Company and lately an organization was effected, with Dr. Chas. T. Harper president, and Mr. S. S. Drew, general manager. The primary object of the corporation, with no purpose to demoralize the grocery business in the city, is to furnish its stockholders with staple goods at cost and sell to the general public at competitive, living prices. There are already more than 125 stockholders and limited number of others will be received until the business is opened, the object being to interest as many families as possible in the enterprise. Each stockholder is given a five per cent. off all purchases and at the end of the year all profits are distributed by dividend.

The business will be opened Jan. 10th in the store now occupied as an office and lobby by the Bonitz Hotel, the hotel moving its office, etc., to the second floor just over the store. A lease of three years with privilege of a longer period and an enlargement of the store, if necessary, has been secured. Mr. S. S. Drew, a capable business man, for several years with the Mercer & Evans Co., will be in active management of the enterprise and Mr. D. S. Bender, Jr., will be head salesman. Other help will be employed from time to time as needed. Some of the stockholders are: Mayor Wm. E. Springer, Dr. C. T. Harper, T. F. Bagley, Dr. J. H. Dreher, Dr. L. H. Love, Dr. A. H. Harriss, Chief of Police John J. Furlong, J. B. Mercer, J. H. W. Bonitz, C. D. Weeks, Esq., J. E. Murrell, W. B. McClellan, Batson & Hergenrother, Chas. Anderson, F. T. Mills, C. H. O'Berry, R. M. Wescott, E. N. Penny, C. F. McRae, J. E. Wood, Dr. W. H. Green, Capt. W. L. Harlowe, Andrew Smith, F. M. Brown, D. S. Bender and E. F. Johnson.

LYRIC STOCK CO. RETURN TO-NIGHT

"David Garrick" the Bill—Big Matinee To-morrow—Mr. Edward Reilly.

The Lyric Stock Company returns to the Academy to-night and will present the well known popular English comedy "David Garrick." This play has become almost one of the classics and was last week given a big revival in New York city. It is a piece both humorous and intense and the plot centers around a sweet little incident in the life of the great English actor. The play calls for many gorgeous costumes, in keeping with the period when the action transpires, and the company will costume it correctly. In connection with the bill a new line of specialties will be introduced.

To-morrow afternoon the company will present the merriest comedy of the season in "The Troubles of the Katzenjammer Kids." This will be a big matinee bill and will be attended by the children by the hundreds. It is safe to predict that it will be the record breaking matinee of the season at the Academy from point of attendance.

To-night Mr. Edward Reilly, a popular Wilmington boy, will go on with an illustrated song specialty. He has a rich baritone voice and will be heard with pleasure.

RUSSELL & GOODMAN, ATTORNEYS.

Ex-Governor and Promising Young Wilmington Lawyer Practice Together.

Since the dissolution of the law firm of Russell & Gore by the death of the late lamented John H. Gore, Jr, Esq., a copartnership has been formed by ex-Governor D. L. Russell with Louis Goodman, Esq., a promising young attorney of this city who was associated with Messrs. Russell & Gore during the life of that firm. The style of the new firm will be Russell & Goodman and the copartnership will go into effect Jan. 1st.

Messrs. Russell & Goodman will move from the present offices in the Allen building to the second floor of the Chamber of Commerce, occupying the suite of rooms next to the Carolina Insurance Company's building. The office will be handsomely fitted up in time and will be among the best equipped in the city.

Trouble With an Officer.

In the Mayor's court yesterday Mr. James Elkins, charged by Policeman J. W. English with disorderly conduct, was found not guilty and discharged. He was represented by Herbert McClammy, Esq. From the evidence developed in the trial it appeared that Policeman English had once arrested Elkins and subsequently turned him loose and that later a personal difficulty ensued between the two men. The conduct was regarded as unbecoming an officer and in open court, Mayor Springer suspended the policeman pending an investigation by the Police Committee.

Another Membership Contest.

Another Y. M. C. A. membership contest will be inaugurated Monday of next week. The contest will continue for 30 days, being waged by seven teams captained by Messrs. J. M. Solky, A. P. Adrian, J. J. Loughlin, W. A. McGowan, Dr. C. T. Harper, W. Dosher and J. A. McGeachy. The captains will meet at 8 o'clock to-night for organization.

UP SHOOTS LICENSE!

Effective May 1st, 1905, Liquor Dealers Must Pay $600 Per Year Instead of $264.

THE ALDERMEN LAST NIGHT.

Special Meeting Developed Strong Fight Between Opposing Factions—Proposition for Agricultural and Industrial School Here.

While several were clamoring for recognition from the chair after the question had been repeatedly called and amidst much confusion following a sharp skirmish for parliamentary advantage between councilmen of contrary views upon the proposition, the Board of Aldermen in special session last night at the City Hall voted six to four to increase the license upon liquor dealers from $32 per month, or $264 per year, to $50 per month, or $600 per year, the same to go into effect on May 1st. The measure is regarded as a compromise between certain business men, who petitioned for an immediate advance to $1,000 per year, and dealers themselves, who made a fight for no increase and time to dispose of their stocks, if they so chose, before any advance went into effect. Following the action of the Board, Mr. J. A. Taylor, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who led the movement for higher license, addressed the council by invitation, congratulating its members upon the stand they had taken and outlining the plan for the establishment and maintenance of the agricultural and industrial school in this city as suggested in the petition to the Board published in these columns last week. Alderman W. H. Yopp, leader on the Board for the higher license, also spoke of the school and read a proposition from a wealthy and influential business man of Wilmington offering $1,000 per year for ten years toward the support of the institution, provided the municipality manifested a substantial disposition to foster the enterprise once it is started. The matter was favorably received but deferred until the regular meeting Monday night of the coming week. The Board then proceeded to the reading of applications for renewal of licenses and all were favorably acted upon, without objection, after which an adjournment was had.

Proceedings in Detail.

The Board was called to order at 8:10 o'clock after an informal conference of members in the Mayor's office, no caucus having developed as was proposed by some of the minority members on the license question. Every member was in his seat when Mayor Springer rapped for order and the council room was crowded with leaders of the movement for higher license, liquor dealers and others drawn thither by idle curiosity. The dealers had arrived early and secured possession of the vantage points in the room. The Mayor in opening said that the meeting had been called for the purpose of passing upon renewals of liquor license and the proposition to increase the license to $1,000 per year. He pleaded for harmony upon the important question and hoped that no untoward incident would mar the proceedings. If anything had been accomplished by the present administration, it had been through unity of action and harmony among its councilmen. In concluding the Mayor extended his confreres the compliments of the season and wished everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Mayor had hardly taken his seat before there was sparring between members for the floor, Mr. Behrends having been finally recognized with a resolution he proposed to offer. He said he was not feeling well and was not prepared to talk much. Mr. W. H. Yopp asked if the resolution pertained to matters of business set forth in the call, as nothing else could be considered at that meeting. Mr. Behrends said the resolution bore very directly upon the matter in hand and insisted that it be read. It was handed to the clerk and read as follows:

Whereas: Prohibition or open barrooms, high prohibitory or low license did notjenter as an issue when this Board was elected, and

Whereas: This issue has since arisen and has to a large extent consumed the time of this Board, which should have been bestowed on questions of equal or more importance, such as reduction of taxes, street improvements, etc., and

Whereas: The term of this Board has nearly expired and a municipal election will be held in the near future,

Therefore, we deem it inexpedient to agitate the liquor question at the present time, but refer it to the coming municipal election, when the voters can elect such a board as will represent their views on this as well as other public questions.

Mr. Behrends moved adoption of the resolution, and the same was promptly seconded by Mr. Hashagen. Mr. W. H. Yopp thought the adoption of the resolution by Mr. Behrends would not be treating the petition of business men with proper respect. He presented the petition, saying that it contained the names of 125 representative men of the community. No attempt had been made to secure a large number of signers, as it was the purpose of the leaders of the movement to make the petition as representative as possible. Mr. Yopp said the petition should be read before the adoption of the resolution as a matter of courtesy to the signers. Mr. Behrends made no objection and the petition as previously published was read, together with signatures attached. Upon conclusion of the reading, Mr. Yopp offered the granting of the petition, making the license $1,000 per year, as an amendment to Mr. Behrends' resolution; seconded by Mr. Murrell.

Upon call for discussion Mr. Tiencken made a clear and forcible argument in line with Mr. Behrends' resolution, saying it would put most all the small dealers in the outlying districts out of business and would give them no opportunity to dispose of stock on hand. The people, upon strength of the dispensary election, had a right to expect that there would be no further agitation of the subject. At the close of an administration and on the eve of another election, the Democratic way to dispose of the question was to make it an issue at the polls and let a majority of the voters decide what they will have. "Don't use gag law," he pleaded. "It is not Democratic" He heartily concurred in Mr. Behrends' resolution.

Applause greeted Mr. Tiencken's remarks and Mr. Yopp arose to defend high license, making a witty remark, adapting to himself the subsiding applause for Mr. Tiencken. Mr. Yopp said the matter had been pretty well discussed. License taxes on compresses, electric lighting and gas companies, street railways, saw mills, hotels, etc., were imposed without submitting the question to the people. Those were necessities, while liquor might be classed as a luxury and, therefore, should be taxed higher. Charlotte, Asheville, Salisbury, Winston, Greensboro and Durham and many smaller cities had found high license not onerous upon dealers and he was at a loss to know why strenuous objection should be raised in Wilmington. The added revenue here was needed for streets, fire and police protection and the various other municipal purposes. He had heard and read authorities from many States and the concensus of opinion was that high license is the only solution of the liquor problem. The present rate was ridiculously low and he thought the time was ripe for an advance; the sooner the better.

Mr. Behrends in reply said the question of high or low did not enter into the matter. Was the time opportune? He thought not. The time was over-ripe. Action should have been taken at the first meeting of the new administration; not at the last. Some of the petitioners had been on the Board of Aldermen. The time was just as ripe then as now. Why was there no action then? Other petitioners are now eligible to election as aldermen. Let them take up the duties and abide by the decision of the people at the ballot box.

Mr. W. H. Yopp renewed his amendment to Mr. Behrends' motion. Mr. Sweeney offered as a substitute for the whole a resolution making the license $600 per year, payable monthly, the same to take effect July 1st, 1905; seconded by Mr. W. E. Yopp. An aye and nay vote was declared by the Mayor in favor of Mr. Sweeney's substitute. Mr. Behrends called for a division and confusion arose, several clamoring for recognition; others calling "question." Finally at the suggestion of some one, the date for the increase was changed to May 1st, 1905, as July would throw the increase into another administration. Mr. Behrends made the point that any increase then would be illegal as the same amounted to an ordinance and, without unanimous consent, all ordinances must lie on the table for 30 days. Mr. Behrend's point was lost in the shuffle, and Mr. Tiencken clamored for further recognition as to legal points, asking an opinion from the City Attorney. The Mayor ruled that the discussion was closed and a standing vote was taken. Mr. Sweeney's substitute making the license $50 per month, effective May 1st, was carried, six to four, those voting in the negative being Messrs. Behrends, Gafford, Tiencken and Hashagen. All the others voted in the affirmative. Mr. Tiencken asked an opinion from the City Attorney as to the legality of the action just taken, but was ruled out of order as the motion had been carried.

The Agricultural School.

Mr. W. H. Yopp then invited Mr. Taylor, of the Chamber of Commerce, to address the Board with reference to the proposed agricultural and mechanical school. Mr. Taylor, in behalf of the business men of the city, thanked the Board for its action and said that he knew of no time more opportune than the present to speak of the establishment of an agricultural school in this section. Over-production stared the South in the face with bankruptcy and its growers must turn to intensified and diversified farming for relief. But for its trucking interests to fall back on now, Wilmington would be in a serious condition financially. A school where agriculture is taught would be a long step in the right direction and would open up wonderful possibilities to Wilmington, the development of its back country being not yet half complete. He asked that the city divert not one cent of its present revenue to the establishment of such an institution but that it give only a part of the excess sum to be derived from high license to the education of boys along practical lines. With an inducement of that kind the State could be prevailed upon to establish its proposed test truck farm here and immediate action by the Aldermen was necessary to make a definite offer to the State authorities. Mr. Taylor reviewed the advantages of such a farm and school in combination, citing the beneficial experiments to overcome the boll wevil pests in Texas and Louisina. Mr. Taylor said that Wilmington was on the eve of a wonderful development. Plans were already on foot to colonize this part of the country and the test farm and agricultural school would attract the most desirable immigrants. It would solve domestic servant problems and would contribute to the upbuilding of the city in every way. Mr. Taylor was heard with great interest and favor, and in reply to an inquiry from Mr. W. H. Yopp as to the amount needed for the school, he said as yet the plans were embryonic but at the next meeting more details would be given and final action could be taken. At Mr. Taylor's request, Mr. Yopp read a proposition from a wealthy and enterprising citizen of Wilmington to give $1,000 per annum for ten years toward the maintenance of the school, provided the city would sufficiently manifest itself in favor of the measure. The name of the citizen is withheld at his request until action by the Board of Aldermen. Upon motion, further consideration of the matter went over until Monday night.

Liquor Licenses Renewed.

Applications for the renewal of liquor licenses for the six months ensuing Jan. 1st were then read and all passed without objection. There are 58 renewals of retail dealers, one distillery and three brewery agencies. There are two new retail dealers—Wm. Sheehan at Twelfth and Market, and Martin Van Oesen & Co., Fourth and Swann—making a total of 64 licenses. They were granted as follows upon motion of Mr. Hashagen and seconds by Messrs. Karr and Tiencken:

WHOLESALE DEALERS.

Distillery—Ten bushels steam grain distillery, W. M. Troutman, Ninth and Cape Fear streets.

Breweries—Robert Portner Brewing Co., Eighth and Brunswick streets. Home Brewing Co., 114 North Water street, Darley Park Brewery, 19 Nutt street.

RETAILERS.

Eduard Ahrens, 620 Market.
J. H. Brunjes, 925 North Fourth.
Martin Brunjes, 202 North Seventh.
H. J. Bennett, Market and Water.
B. Bellols, 126 Market.
W. C. Boesch, 801 North Fourth.
Jno. C. Boesch, 31 S. Front.
E. F. Bass, 128 N. Water.
J. W. Capps, 602 Castle.
J. W. Chapman, 201 Brunswick.
E. M. Cheek, No. 5 Market.
D. N. Chadwick, No. 15 Market.
J. L. Croom, agent, Grace and Water streets.
D. T. T. Capps, 119 S. Front.
Caase & Schuler, 22 Market.
J W Duls, 114 So. Front.
H T Duls, MacRae and Chesnut.
J D Dennis, 1203 N. Fourth.
J. W. H. Fuchs, N. W. corner Front and Orange streets.
Gieschen Bros., Atlantic Inn, southeast corner Front & Red Cross.
Thos J Gore, 821 Orange.
N E Gallagher, southwest corner Fifth and Nixon streets.
H F Haar, 108 S. Front.
Jurgen Haar, 401 North Front.
Geo H Heyer, 802 N. Fourth.
W Van Hardin & Co, 119 Princess.
Croom & Jordan, 102 N. Water.
M H Kelly, 302 Princess.
Jno H Kuck, No. 6 N. Water.
G W Linder & Co, 32 S. Front.
F P Lamb, 522 MacRae.
W H Lamb, 26 N. Water.
W B Litgen, No. 6 S. Front.
C P B Mahler, 501 N. Fourth.
Jno M Meyland, 17 Princess.
M O'Brien, Nutt and Red Cross.
F W Ortmann, 17 N. Second.
Quarles Bros, Orton Hotel.
N B Rankin, 110 N. Front.
Chas Richter, 928 N. Fourth.
I B Rhodes, 123 Princess.
Martin Schibben, 601 Red Cross.
George Schibben, 1120 N. Seventh.
Sternberger Bros. 213-215 N Front.
E P H Strunck, 501 S Fourth
J B J Sandlin, No 5 South Second
J S Sneeden, 101 S Front
LaFayette Southerland, 803 Castle
Steljes & Co, 920 Market
H Steljes, 13th and Market
M L Starkey, 114 N Front
J N She ard, 1101 Market
Bloodsworth & Dawson [place J W Smith & Co] 115 S Front
E A Todd, 522 S Seventh
J H Woebse, Fourth and Nixon
H H Woebse, 801 N Eighth
J S Westbrook, Fourth and Bladen
Wm Sheehan, 12th and Market
Martin Van Oesen & Co, Fourth and Swann streets

Vann's Pool Tournament.

Mr. W. A. French, Jr., was the winner in the big pool tournament which has been in progress during the holidays at Vann's popular cigar store. Mr. French "played off" with Mr. H. M. Chase and defeated him in a score of 50 to 11. The handsome silver, gold-lined, loving cup, valued at $10, was presented to Mr. French by Mr. J.D. Vann. The tournament was really one of the features of the holidays in Wilmington and the Messrs. Vann made a big success of it.

Geo. W. Huggins,

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Market Street.

Gold Filled and Silver Watches, Diamonds, loose and mounted; Gold Signet Rings and Pins. Umbrellas, Silver and Gold. Sterling Silver Deposit Ware.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Editor A. C. Johnston, of the Clarkton Express, was here yesterday, a guest at The Orton.

— Mr. B. S. Franks returned yesterday from a business and pleasure trip to Newbern, N. C.

— Among yesterday's arrivals was Dr. N. W. Hicks, of Florence, S. C., who came up on A. C. L. business.

— State Bank Examiner J. O. Ellington, of Smithfield, arrived last night.

— S. B. Shepherd, Esq., of Raleigh, arrived last night on legal business.

— Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watts and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Strayhorn, of Durham, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pate.

— Mr. Harry Marshall returned to Tazewell, Va., yesterday, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Marshall.

— Miss Mary Moore, of Alpine, and Miss Denae Moore, of Clinton, are visiting their mother, Mrs. E. F. Moore, 219 South Second street.

— Purchasing agent F. H. Fechtig, of the Atlantic Coast Line, returned yesterday morning from Richmond where he spent the holidays.

— Mr. W. P. M. Turner, city editor of the Wilmington Messenger, left yesterday for a week's vacation which he will spend at Greensboro and Charlotte.

— Raleigh News and Observer: "Mr. William Royall has returned from Wilmington, where he went for the holidays. —— Mr. H. W. Parks, of Wilmington, is in the city."

— Mr. D. H. Cummings, of Wilmington, N. C., is among the guests at the Everett Hotel, Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Cummings is in Jackson ville on business and will remain several days.

— Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "Mrs. Pembroke Jones and children arrived last evening on the private car of President Harry Walters, of the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co., and are making a visit to Hon. and Mrs. W. J. Greene."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly to amend the laws relating to the City of Wilmington, N. C., and to enact such additional legislation as the Board of Aldermen of said city may request. WM. E. SPRINGER, Mayor.

December 29, 1904.
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NOTICE.

I have sold my two-thirds interest in the Brunswick Grocery Co. to Mr. W. C. McKethan who assumes all liabilities of said firm and to whom all debts are payable.

A. P. KIRBY,
W. C. McKETHAN.

Dec. 21, 1904. de 29 3t*

NOTICE!

On January 2nd, 1905,

The City will begin to GARNISHEE Wages and LEVY on Personal Property for

CITY TAXES

not paid by that date.

If forced to levy costs will be added to the tax.

Office hours from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

B. F. KING,

City Tax Collector.

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING DEC. 30.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF CORPORATIONS.

An exchange recently expressed surprise that the railroad magnates look favorably upon President Roosevelt's proposition to do away with rebates. Naturally rebates are given to take business away from a competitor. but if the government were to succeed in suppressing rebate transactions, all transportation lines would be on the same footing and would have to depend upon some other method of competition. If one line violated the law, the other would aid in convicting it, but rebates are detrimental to their interests; hence the magnates wish the President well in his suggestion.

Much is now being said about Commissioner Garfield's recommendation to place under Federal control all corporations of whatever kind doing an inter-State business. His view is taken to be merely the reflection of the President's attitude on that matter, and at least Mr. Roosevelt is getting credit for it. It turns out also that the corporations favor that, and as a matter of fact, that the idea originated with the Standard Oil Company. Before the Industrial Commission appointed by President McKinley, John D. Archbold, of the Standard Oil Company, on September 8, 1899, made this remarkable statement:

"If you should ask me, gentlemen, what legislation can be imposed to improve the present condition, I answer that the next great, and, to my mind, inevitable step of progress in the direction of our commercial development lies in the direction of national or Federal corporations. If such corporations should be made possible under such fair restriction and revision as should be attached to them any branch of business could be freely entered upon by all comers and the talk of monopoly would forever be done away with. Our present system of State corporations, almost as varied in its provisions as the number of States, is vexatious alike to the business community and to the authorities of the various States. Such Federal action need not take away from these States their right to taxation or police regulation, but would make it possible for business organizations to know the general terms on which they could conduct their business in the country at large. Lack of uniformity in the laws of various States as affecting business corporations is one of the most vexatious features attending the business life of any great corporation to-day, and I suggest for your consideration the thought of a Federal law."

It is remarked by the Richmond Times-Democrat that "It is interesting and significant that this suggestion should have come originally from a representative of one of the most powerful of our industrial corporations—a corporation that comes nearer, perhaps, than any other to being a monopoly." We think the reasons given by Mr. Archbold warrant the position of the corporations in favoring Federal control. The fact is that they would prefer to be under Federal control than under the various regulating laws of 45 States. A great many people favor Federal control, but if Federal control will control, it will do more than it has ever done yet. It is even charged now that the corporations control the United States Senate by their actual representations on the floor, and if they can control the Senate they could more easily get hold of the "Federal control" machinery of the government.

The proposition to place under Federal control all corporations doing business in the various States, involves the question of the enormous increase of centralized power and corresponding decrease in the powers of the States which have to yield it to the Federal government. That view of it is interestingly touched upon by the Philadelphia Record which says:

The Administration has gone to excess, even according to the standards of its party, in its programme of centralization. When the Republican Chief Justice of Pennsylvania declares that the Federal power has already been carried beyond the limits of the Constitution, and that the Garfield proposition would be "an invasion of the principle of States' rights," it is evident that constitutionalism is not yet dead even among the centralizers.

Justice Potter does not admit that the Federal Government has exceeded its proper powers yet, or would do so if the Garfield proposition were adopted. Nevertheless, he opposes the latter. It would be a great wrong to the States, he says; it would add nothing to the present power of the Federal Government to prosecute combinations in restraint of trade, and it would "serve only as a shield to corporations so organized as against the efforts of the States to control and regulace them in the interest of the people." The Justice concludes his interesting discussion of the subject with this paragraph, which ought to set all Republicans to thinking:

"Russia is to day struggling to escape from the evils of a centralized bureaucratic government. Why should we seek to assume a burden which Russia is striving to cast off?"

Jude Hinsdale, of New York, also a Republican, said in a communication to The Tribune of that city some months ago:

"The idea that this matter is a subject for the Federal government to deal with is fallacious Our system of government is such that this is one of the questions to be dealt with by the States. The evil can only be touched incidentally in a few aspects by the Federal government while the power to deal with it effectually is in the States alone."

But when Judge Hinsdale wrote that he did not dream that it would be seriously proposed to expand the meaning of the phrase "interstate commerce" till it should include the production of everything that might become the subject of interstate commerce.

The Sun, of New York, is a Republican paper and an admirer of strong government. but in its opinion "Congress could with equal reason declare and create a limited monarchy and call on the people to choose their first king" as to adopt the Garfield programme. This, it says, would substitute the State of America for the United States of America, and it could be put into operation "only after the Congress has consented to burn the Constitution of the United States."

The fact that the Administration has put forward such a proposition, and others against which Commissioner Garfield admits that there is an unbroken line of Federal and State Court decisions running back forty years, proves that the country never had greater need of the Democratic party than it has to day.

NEXT LARGEST CITY IN THE WORLD.

Many will be surprised to learn that New York is the next largest city in the world. London comes first in population. The New York Times thinks that the estimates of the churches and Christian organizations that the population of New York is now in excess of 4,000,000 will probably be verified by the State census of 1905. The Federal census gave the city 3,437,202, but the Times says it is claimed that the census figures are below the mark.

The Federation of Churches, of New York, which in its work endeavors to keep up with the growth of population, insists that on the 1st of last June, the great American city had 3,945,907, and the increase since then had brought it over the 4,000,000 mark. The New York Times makes this comparison:

"London in 1901 was credited with 4,538,541 inhabitants. By this time it should have passed the five-million mark. New York stands second in the list, with approximately four millions, if indeed the figure is not actually larger. Paris has barely 3,000,000, Berlin less than 2,000,000, Chicago only about a million and three-quarters, and so on down the scale. The relation of the world's principal cities remains pretty much as it has been for several decennial periods. Probably in another decade New York will have passed London, whose recent growth has been largely due to an influx of alien immigration not quite normal, and, from the point of view of the average Englishman, wholly undesirable. Perhaps the average American if there is such a being in this composite community, feels in much the same way about the immigration which is congesting the populous east side of New York and overflowing to some extent into the other boroughs. However, he may have the consolation of knowing that in this particular crucible heterogeneous elements are more readily alloyed than they are likely to be in London. It is a safe statistical forecast that by 1915, if not sooner, New York will have overtaken London and become the largest city of the world. This may be gratifying to the local pride, but whether we shall be any happier, more prosperous or more in harmony with American traditions than now is a question which may be left to the speculations of those for whom it has more interest than for the average reader."

We are fully persuaded to believe that New York is destined to be the biggest city in the world. It is growing as no other city is and the other large cities of the world do not have the same opportunities and are not favored by conditions like New York.

Even at the 4,000,000 mark New York is a whopper. That is twice as many inhabitants as the last census gave North Carolina, which in 1900 was 1,893,810. It would take 1,500 cities of the size of Wilmington to equal the population of Gotham.

A FRIEND'S ADVICE

Will Often Help You Greatly. Read What a Wilmington Citizen Says.

You may hesitate to listen to the advice of strangers, but the testimony of friends or residents of Wilmington is worth your most careful attention. It is an easy matter to investigate such proof as this. The evidence must be conclusive. Read the following:

P. C. Le Moyne, contractor, of 223 North Seventh street, says: "I did not know that the trouble with my back was caused by my kidneys not acting properly, although I noticed the secretions from those organs were dark and very irregular, sometimes free and at other times scanty. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and went to Bellamy's drug store and got a box. I was surprised at the result, for I have not had backache since I used them. I also got a box of Doan's Ointment. I have had itching hemorrhoids or piles for years, and tried everything I knew of without benefit. Doan's Ointment gave me instant relief. I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills in England some years ago, and until now I was under the impression that they were made only in England. In addition to my backache being cured the kidney secretions have all cleared up and become normal since using the Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice, Dec. 28th, 1904.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Edna Bradley, Annie L. Bell, Hagger Brenent, Lizzie Britt, Mrs. M. Bryan, Lizzie Campbell, Mary F. Dixon, Mrs. M. Dawkin, Lana Elsin, Mrs. J. Fleming, D anly Hill, Ella Holmes, Lena James, Mrs. Charlie Lines, Eliza Moore. Doria Parker, Annie Peterson, Mary Robbins, Alice Upchurch, Annie Williams, Francis Williams, Arria Wright.

MEN'S LIST.

C. H. Bell, Moses Bellay, E. B. Campbell, H.W. Currie, colored, William Field, John B. Fanley, James W. Forme, Duff Freeman, James Grant, Billie Gurganus, E. G. Hardison, Joe Huwitz, M. J. Inman, John Jordan, Jeter Kelly, A. H. Lennon, Johnnie McAlister, John H. Marine, Jimmie Moore, M. C. Nell, Richard Nelson, Cæsar Price, L. M. Prince, J. B. Roberson, S. W. Scoggins, G.W. Stanford, Davis Strickland, Bud Taylor, Henry H. Taylor, W. C. Tashwood, Jim Walker, Preston Watson, Wyche M. White, James Wilkes, M. T. Wilber.

One cent due is charged on letters advertised.

Letters to strangers or transient visitors to a town or city, whose special address may be unknown, should be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the word "Transient."

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office.

T. E. WALLACE, Postmaster.

CURRENT COMMENT.

— Guatemala declares she is unable to pay her debts. Her ant crop must have been a failure this year.—Washington Post.

— The city council of Dallas, Texas, has decided that frequenters of pool rooms shall be treated as common vagabonds. The pool room men will have to organize a stock exchange if they want to retain their standing as respectable citizens.—Washington Post.

— Stupendous though they were and startling as was the stroke, one can not help but be struck by the stamina shown by security holders in Wall street during the stock panic Wednesday. Some shareholders saved their spondulix by staying with the game.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

— Governor Peabody, of Colorado, has now turned to the Legislature to count out enough Democratic votes to keep him in office, and of this he appears quite confident. The party that counted out a duly elected President of the United States is not likely to balk at such a thing as stealing the office of Governor.—Philadelphia Record, Dem.

— Cold weather in the North has already caused the tide of travel Southward to begin. Railroads report a heavy business in their passenger traffic, and hotels especially designed to accommodate it are already filling up. The hotels in Camden are receiving guests and the number will be largely increased as the season progresses. —Columbia Record.

— After the people of the United States have been robbed of millions of acres there has at least been a conviction of five land robbers in Oregon. In this case, involving 8,000 acres of timber land, the fraud was accomplished with more or less official connivance by the use of fictitious names for land entries. Two of the convicted land pirates were extensive timber operators and hitherto very respectable members of society.

TWINKLINGS

— His Friend: Money talks. The promoter: Yes, but sometimes it' mighty hard to get it to listen.—New York Press.

— Esmeralda—Did the company make any unpleasant remarks about me while I was out? Irene—You've no business to ask that. How did you know.—Chicago Tribune.

— "Been very lucky with your patients, haven't you, doctor?" "Yes. I don't think I have more than $17 in unpaid bills standing on my books."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—Mamma: Fighting again, Willie? Didn't I tell you to stop and count 100 whenever you were angry? Willie: But it didn't do any good, ma. Look what the Jones boy did while I counted?—Harper's Bazar.

— He (reading about the latest society wedding): They have a lot to say about what the bride wears, but they have nothing to say about the poor bridegroom. She: They have no need to, because it is a well known fact that he usually wears a worried look.—Boston Globe.

— "I thought that they weren't going to be married until the Spring." Yes; but they changed their minds suddenly, and did the thing yesterday. You see, they happened to find a good servant girl out of a job and they snapped her up."—Philadelphia Press.

— Lyles—Did you ever come across a more conceited fellow than Bulger? They say he is an atheist, and it believe he is.—Bonter—I wouldn't like to go as far as that, but I know that he doesn't recognize the existence of a superior being.—Town and Country.

— Foreign Tourist (in Washington)—Besides their regular pay the members of your Congress receive what is called mileage, do they? That is what it costs them to travel between here and their homes, is it not? Representative—Er—yes; that is what it is supposed to be. Have you seen the Congressional library yet? You'll find that well worth a visit?—Chicago Tribune.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 29.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market steady at $2.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $3.30 per barrel for hard, $5.70 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 55c; rosin firm at $2.10; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.35@3.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	6
Rosin	167
Tar	22
Crude turpentine	20

Receipts same day last year—10 casks spirits turpentine, 97 barrels rosin, 152 barrels tar, 32 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

Same day last year, market firm at 13.20c for middling.

Receipts—533 bales; same day last year, 827.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c. Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, 11c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Dull at 12½c for live; 16½c for dressed.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2@3c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Money on call was quoted steady at 2½@3 per cent.; lowest 2½ per cent.; closing bid 2½ per cent; offered 3½ per cent.; time loans very easy; sixty days 3@3½ per cent.; ninety days 3@3½ per cent; six months 3½@3½ per ct. Prime mercantile paper 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange closed easier, actual business in bankers' bills 487.15@487.30 for demand and at 484.80@484.85 for sixty day bills. Posted rates were 485½ and 488. Commercial bills quoted at 484½. Bar silver 61¾. Mexican dollars 48¼. U. S. 'refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; do. coupon, 104¾; U. S. 3's, registered, 104¾; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 4's, new, registered, 130¾; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 130¾; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 105½; do. coupon, 106½; Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 100½; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 104¾; Norfolk & Western consol 4's —; Seaboard Air Line 4's 85; Southern Railway 5's, 121. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 95½; Chesapeake & Ohio 48¾; Manhattan L 164¾; New York Central 144½; Reading 80½; do. 1st pref'd, 91; do. 2nd pref'd 84½; Southern Railway 35½; do. pref'd 96½; Amalgamated Copper 73¾; People's Gas 108; Tennessee Coal and Iron 73½; U. S. Leather 14¾; U. S. Leather preferred, 101¾; Western Union 93¼; U. S. Steel 31½; do. preferred 94¾; Mexican Central 22¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, —; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed —; sales — shares. Standard Oil 624.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 18¼@18½; do. preferred, 38 asked; do. bonds, fours, —. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 125 asked.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Rosin dull. Spirits turpentine dull.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 29.—Spirits turpentine and rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 29.—Spirits turpentine steady at 49¼@50c; receipts 368 casks; sales 892 casks; exports 500 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 2,915 barrels; sales 2,292 bbls; exports 7,872 bbls. A, B, C, $2 52½; D, $2 57½; E, $2 63¾; F, $2 67½; G, $2 75; H, $2 92; I, $3 35; K, $4 00; M, $4 30; N, $4 60; W G, $4 85; W W, $5 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Cotton quotations reached still lower levels during to-day's trading, but the market was less active and there was less excitement, with net results showing only slight losses on the active positions. The opening was steady with August unchanged and other positions one to seven points lower, which was rather better than due on the Liverpool cables. Private advices from abroad stated that the European trade placed practically the same construction on the ginners' report as it had received on this side, namely that it reflected a minimum crop of around 13,000,000 bales, and official quotations in the English market at the time of the local opening were eighteen to twenty points net lower, while spot cotton lost twenty-nine points. But while there was enough covering by smaller shorts to steady the opening of the local market it soon developed that there was little snap to the buying and prices following the call sagged off to a net loss of about eleven to thirteen points under bear pressure and talk of a slump in the Southern spot situation. Around midday covering increased and there was a rally of about seven points from the lowest, but the market broke again in the early afternoon and at the lowest level showed a net loss of some 14@15 points on active positions, with January selling at 6 35 and March at 6.52. Toward the close certain Wall street houses sent in buying orders, room shorts covered and most of the loss was recovered, the market being steady with final prices indicating an advance of one point on August and October while nearer positions were three to five points lower. Sales futures estimated at 500,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Cotton—The market was quiet at 6.85c; net receipts 495 bales; gross receipts 6,099 bales; stock 115,483 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 15 points lower; middling uplands 6.85c; middling gulf 7.10c; sales — bales.

Futures closed barely steady: December 6.45, January 6 46, February 6 53, March 6.62, April 6.70, May 6.76, June 6 85, July 6.90, August 6.96, September —, October 7.08.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 40,364 bales; exports to Great Britain — bales; exports to France 904 bales; exports to the Continent 9,413 bales; exports to Japan 1,788 bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 1,101,876 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 20,304 bales; exports to Great Britain 147 bales; exports to France 20,985 bales; exports to Continent 96,194 bales; exports to Japan 39,803 bales; exports to Mexico 13,746 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5,841,341 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,059,795 bales; exports to France 455,466 bales; exports to the Continent 1,545,895 bales; exports to Japan 63,756 bales; exports to Mexico 13,393 bales.

Dec. 29.—Galveston, steady at 6¾, net receipts 6,183 bales; Norfolk, nominal; net receipts 2,664 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 6.85c, net receipts 1,617 bales; Wilmington, nominal, net receipts 533 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7.10c, net receipts 293 bales; Savannah, quiet at 6¾c, net receipts 3,179 bales; New Orleans, easy at 6¾c, net receipts 13,763 bales; Mobile, firm at 6¼, net receipts 1,741 bales; Memphis, quiet at 6¾c, net receipts 2,051 bales; Augusta, quiet at 6 9 15c, net receipts 665 bales; Charleston, quiet at 6 5 16, net receipts 137 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Flour was dull but firmly held. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot nominal. Options market showed ¼@1c net advance; May closed $1 15½; July closed $1 03¾; December closed $1 31¼. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 55½c, nominal. Options closed ¼c net lower: May closed 51½; December closed 55. Oats—Spot steady; mixed, 26@32 pounds, 35½@36½c. Cheese firm; State, small, colored and white, 10@12c. Eggs strong; nearby, selected 35@38c; Western selected 28c; Southern 20@27c. Potatoes—Market steady; Long Island, in bulk, per 180 lbs, $1 75@3 00; State and Western $1 25@1 50; Jersey sweets $2 00@3 50. Butter firm; creamery, common to extra 18@28c; State dairy 16@26c. Cabbages steady; flat Dutch, per 100, $2@3 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 15@20c. Peanuts steady; fancy handpicked 5¼@5½; other domestic grades 3¾@5½c. Molasses firm. Tallow quiet. Sugar—raw steady; refined firm; Lard easy; Western steam $7 15, refined easy; continent $7 20; compound 5½@5½c. Pork steady; family $14 00@14 50; short clear 13 75@16 25; mess $13 00@13 50. Cotton seed oil was active again to day and the market was weak at lower prices: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills 16@16½c; prime summer yellow 23½@24c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 27c; prime winter yellow 27c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The unexpected decrease of the world's available stocks strengthened the wheat market to day. Light primary receipts furnished additional support. At the close May wheat was up ½, corn and oats unchanged; provisions are off 2½ to 7½.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Cash prices: Flour—The market to-day was quoted steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 08@1 15, No. 3 spring 98c@$1 12; No. 2 red $1 15½@1 17½. Corn—No. 2 45½c; No. 2 yellow 45½c. Oats—No. 2 39½c; No. 2 white, 31½@32c; No. 3 white 30½@31¾. Rye—No. 2 74½c. Mess pork, per bbl., $11 25@11 35. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6 77½. Short rib sides, loose, $6 12½@6 37½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no market report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 62½@6 75. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 24.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December $1 11¼, 1 11¾, 1 13, 1 11¼, 1 12¾@1 13; May $1 12¾@1 13¾, 1 14¾, 1 12¾, 1 14¾; July 98¼@98¾, 99, 98¾, 99c. Corn—December 45¾, 45¾, 45¾, 45¾c; May 45¼@45¾, 45¾@45¾, 45¼, 45¾; July 45½, 45¾, 45¼, 45¾@45¾c. Oats—December 29¾, 29¾, 29¾, 29¾c; May 31¾@31¾, 31¾, 31¾, 31¾; July 31¾@31¾, 31¾@31¾, 31¾@31¾, 31¾@31¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $12 55, 12 55, 12 47½, 12 47½; May $12 87½, 12 87½, 12 77½, 12 80. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 85, 6 85, 6 77½, 6 77½; May $7 12½, 7 12½, 7 02½, 7 05. Short ribs, per 100 lbs January $6 45, 6 45, 6 40, 6 40; May $6 70, 6 70, 6 65, 6 67½.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady. The market for coffee futures opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 5 points, and was finally steady at a net loss of 5@10 points. Sales 62,500 bags.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—Cotton: Spot, in fair demand, with prices 29 points lower; American middling fair 3.97d; good middling 3.73d; middling 3.63d; low middling 3.51d; good ordinary 3.37d; ordinary 3.21d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 3,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,400 bales American. Receipts 46,000 bales, including 40,600 bales American.

Futures opened easier and closed feverish; American middling (g o c): December 3.51d; December and January 3.51d; January and February 3.52d; February and March 3.57d; March and April 3.51d; April and May 3.65d; May and June 3.68d; June and July 3.51d; July and August 3.54d; August and September 3.76d; September and October 3.79d; October and November 3.80d.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr E A Hawes, Robeson, Fayetteville, J A Munn.

Steamer Sanders, Sanders, Little River, S C, Stone & Co.

CLEARED.

Stmr E A Hawes, Robeson, Fayetteville, J A Munn.

Steamer Sanders, Sanders, Little River, S C, Stone, & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 30.

STEAMERS.

Hanseat, (Nor) 2,177 tons, Hamre, Heide & Co.

Juanita North, (Br) 2,233 tons, Fox, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Young Brothers, 853 tons, Gabielsen, C D Maffitt.

Mabel Darling, 113 tons, Saunders, to master.

Anne Lord, 246 tons, Russell, C D Maffitt.

Eliza J Pendleton, 672 tons, Dodge, C D Maffitt.

BARQUES.

Fram, (Nor) 699 tons, Andersen, Heide & Co.

Musselcrag, (Br) 1,871 tons, Robinson, Heide & Co.

Your Orders for

CHRISTMAS GOODS

will be given our prompt attention

Let us have them.

HALL & PEARSALL,

INCORPORATED.

nov 26 tf

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—48 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad—4 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—429 bales cotton, 50 barrels rosin, 13 barrels tar, 20 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—52 bales cotton, 8 barrels tar.

Steamer Alice—1 barrel tar.

Steamer Whitlock—6 casks spirits turpentine, 10 barrels rosin.

Steamer Sanders—107 barrels rosin.

Total—533 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 167 barrels rosin, 22 barrels tar, 20 barrels crude turpentine.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

The Siwasa

OPEN EVENINGS.

Turkeys, Cranberries, Celery,

Nuts, Raisins, Figs, Dates,

Candy, Oranges.

Ready for your Xmas orders.

S. W. SANDERS.

dec 23 tf

Did You Ever Drop In

The Delmonico Cafe?

Opposite Postoffice. The coolest dining room in the city of Wilmington, N. C. Prompt service, cleanliness and attendance.

Steaks, Chops, Quail, Oysters.

Tables Reserved for the Ladies.

Our daily Menu is unsurpassed. Regular Dinners served from 12 to 2. 'Phone 207.

dec 11 tf

XMASTIDE!

This season will be a pleasure if you let us furnish you with our

Duplin Sausage and Florida Grape Fruit

for your breakfast.

A NICE TURKEY,

Celery.

Cranberries,

Plum Pudding,

Fruit Cake,

Nuts and Raisins

for your Dinner, and our

Fancy Florida Oranges

and Sugar Pineapples direct from the planter for the evening.

With the compliments of the season.

Wilmington Grocery Co

Jno. L. Boatwright, Manager,

'Phone 14. dec 20 tf

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I have just received a cargo of fine sweet

West India Oranges,

which I am offering at extremely low prices. Good Baldwin Apples $1 93 per barrel. "Call early and avoid the rush."

A. S. WINSTEAD,

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Bananas, Bananas.

Our second car load of fresh, fat Jamaicas will arrive to-day. Dealers 'phone in your orders at once and avoid delay. We will have prices to suit the trade This car consists of large bunches and extra large fruit.

ERNEST F. HINES COMPANY.

(Strictly Wholesale Dealers.)

109, 111 North Water street, Wilmington, N. C.

Note—Mr Keener Westbrook is with us and will look after the city trade. de 22,tf

TAILORING.

Don't fail to see Leger Meyer before buying clothes to order. The cheapest and best for the money. Largest line of pants goods in the city to select from.

403 North Front street.

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HOME GROWN HAY.

Compressed bales. Raised in Pender county. Three car loads for sale.

Best Lime, Anchor Brand

We are offering low, being overstocked.

Small Cream Cheese.

Coffee, Flour, Salt, Molasses, Salmon, Sardines.

FINE TOMATOES.

Only best quality of goods handled. Living prices.

THE WORTH CO.,

Wilmington. N. C.

dec 2 tf

How Many Times Have

you asked has the

FRUIT VESSEL ARRIVED?

Yes, and a portion of the Oranges are at the Ladies' Store. Price just right.

3 lb. London L. Raisins 25c.

Seeded Raisins 10c package.

Currants 9c package.

Big Cocoanuts.

Fresh Tomatoes.

Carpenter Grocery.

dec 24 tf

Announcement!

Keeping in Stock

Cuban Blossom

AND RENOWN CIGARS?

They are as good as ever.

Silver Coin Flour

Can't be beat

We are now Agents for the Famous Atkins Saw and can furnish you from the smallest Rip and Cut Off to the largest

Circular and Band Saws

from our stock at a moment's notice. With this and our other reliable lines, we are prepared to serve you.

T. D. LOVE COMPANY,

Machinery, Mill, Steamfitters, Yacht and Plumber's Supplies.

204, 206 North Water St,

de 28 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Shepard's Lung Food!

THE GREAT THROAT AND LUNG TONIC.

Write for sample bottles. For sale by

J. C. SHEPARD,

Wilmington, N. C.

dec 28 tf

VACCINATE!

County, city and town Boards of Health have recommended and in some instances ordered vaccination as the ONLY safeguard against Smallpox, so prevalent in the Carolinas thus early in Winter. We have just received by last night's Express

Glycerinized Lymph,
Glycerinized Glass Points,
Glycerinized Ivory Points,
Vaccination Shields

(Adults and Children.)

Out of town orders filled by return mail prices to the trade.

ADOLPH G. AHRENS,

Phone 644, 107 Princess street, dec 20 tf

QUAIL ON TOAST.

THE ONLY RESTAURANT,

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A Delightful Pleasure.

Nothing pleases a man more than a good, clean shave. We give the cleanest shave obtainable, not only in point of keen razors, but as to real cleanliness. We use a clean towel for each man and everything else is thoroughly antiseptic.

GUION & DAVIS, (Climax Barber Shop, South Front street.

(jn)25 tf

Mules For Sale!

2 Medium Size Mules

1 Medium Size Horse.

Cash or Time, as Agreed.

W. B. COOPER,

dec 24 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Christmas Suggestions

Over-Gaiters,
Lambs Wool Soles,
Crochet Slippers,
Hunting Leggins,
Riding Leggins,
Little Boys Leggins,
Rubbers,
Babie's First Shoes,
Men's House Slippers,
Shoe Trees,
Silk Hosiery.

Solomon's Shoe Store.

9 and 11 So. Front St.

dec 18 tf

ARE YOU

Keeping in Stock

Cuban Blossom

AND RENOWN CIGARS?

They are as good as ever.

Silver Coin Flour

Can't be beat

H. L. Vollers,

Wholesale Grocer and Distributor

dec 18 tf

Suggestions for Xmas

A Dinner Set
A Toilet Set.
A Chocolate Set.
A Fish Set.
A Lamp.
An Umbrella Stand.
A Jardineer.
A Fancy Vase.
A Piece of Cut Glass.

Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons, Ladles, etc., and many other goods on display.

F. A. BISSINGER,

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REMEMBER!

In addition to manufacturing Stills for Turpentine and Spiritine Plants, we do all kinds of repair work and Brazing in Copper. Also we do Plating in

Nickle, Brass, Silver

AND GOLD,

Repairing work of every kind in Metal solicited.

We buy all of your discarded Silver Plated ware. Also old Brass Candlesticks, Brass Andirons and all kinds of old metal.

Carolina Copper Works.

dec 15 tf

HALL'S EMULSION

HAS NOT SAVED

10,000 Lives

But it has cured many Coughs and Colds. It is Guaranteed to do good.

50c Per Bottle,

'Phone Us—Comp. Bicycle Delivery.

JAS. M. HALL & BRO.,

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dec 18 tf

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The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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In Use For Over 30 Years.

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We Have An Excellent No. 2 Chestnut ANTHRACITE COAL

Suitable for small coal burners and self-feeding Stoves, that we are selling at $5.50 per ton.

No. 1 Chestnut, Anthracite - -	$6.50 per ton
Jellico Coal, best - - - - - - -	5.50 " "
Virginia Bituminous Lump - - -	5.00 " "

We respectfully solicit your orders.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

nov 4 tf

Sporting Goods.

We now have a full stock of Breech-loading Guns of several standard manufactures. Loaded Shells of all kinds, Gun Cases, Leggings, Shooting Coats, Hats; in fact a full assortment of season goods in the above line. We can make attractive prices.

We are Agents for Hazard Powder and Tashan's Shot.

WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.,

u 27 tf — Purcell Building.

NEW HATS

Four hundred and fifty new ready to wear Hats just arrived. Also a big lot Cloaks, Waists, Skirts and Petticoats. Our line is now complete and everything is up to date in style and prices. Our stock is much larger than before, and am sure we can make it to your advantage if you call on us before buying.

PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,

oc 14 tf — 129 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C.

THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK,

of Wilmington, N. C.

anized March, 1899.

Capital and Surplus	$ 450,000
Deposits	1,880,000
Total Assets	2,570,000

Our large capital and assets enable us to offer customers exceptional curity and facilities.

$500,000 to lend on approved paper.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,

J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

no 19 tf

ROGER MOORE'S SONS & CO.,

103, 104 and 105 North Water street.

"Brick Manufacturers"

and dealers in

"Building Material."

We have some "Flintkote" Roofing Paper that we will sell cheap.

dec 7 tf

Useful and Practical!

In selecting gifts for your family be practical. After Xmas we still need shoes A handsome shoe for your wife or daughter, good warm shoes for your children, slippers or shoes for your husband or son will give just as much pleasure to the recipient as some "fancy thing" and be a joy or comfort after the day is past. Try it and your wisdom will be commended. You can find every thing nice at our store.

GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS,

108 North Front Street.

OPEN AT NIGHT THIS WEEK.

dec 21 tf

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Jackson County Journal: It is reported that in the near future there will be an electric line of railway built from some point on the Southern Railway to the copper mines near the fork of the Tuckasee river.

— Judge Pritchard and other members of the family, together with a number of friends, went to Marshall from Asheville, Wednesday afternoon, to attend the funeral of the late Lieut. W. D. Pritchard, which took place Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

— Will Thomas, colored, who is charged with murdering Jim Floyd, colored, in Rowan county two years ago, has been landed in jail at Salisbury to await trial at the next term of Superior Court. He was caught at Charlotte some days ago after being at large since the homicide.

— Mayor Rawls, of Asheville, left there Wednesday afternoon for Charleston, S. C., and from there will sail for Panama, where he expects to spend several months. Mayor Rawls has had nervous prostration for some time and the trip to Panama was considered necessary in order to regain his health.

— Raleigh News and Observer: News from Panther Branch to day with regard to the murder case was to the effect that Gaston Burt had been tracked as far as Johnston county, where he was seen yesterday, but the trail was again lost. There has been no further developments as to the motive that prompted the shooting.

— President James B. Dudley, of the A. & M. College, for the colored rabe, left Greensboro Tuesday night for Memphis, Tenn., to attend the third annual meeting of the Association of Colored A. & M. Colleges. He will address the association on "Instruction in Agriculture; its importance and the amount of time that should be given it by the Colored A. & M. College."

— Salisbury special December 28: Charles M. Henderlite, of this city, who was so seriously stabbed in the back here Saturday, by Charles Momoris, an Italian fruit dealer, is now improving and it is thought by his physicians will recover. He is not, however, out of danger and Momoris is still in jail. The keenest indignation prevails here against the foreigner on account of his cowardly attack on Captain Henderlite.

— Kinston Free Press: Messrs. J. W. Grainger, president of the A. and N. C. Railroad, and R. F. Foster, general manager of the Howland Improvement Co., lessee, had a conference and agreed to make up a case, by consent, for the Supreme Court in the matter of liability for the taxes due on the railroad for the current year, the bond of the lessee, interest, and all the other financial matters which they have been unable to agree upon between themselves

— A dispatch from Salisbury on Wednesday says: The Southern Railway Company has inaugurated what is known as the block system of train signals or orders on the main line between Washington and Atlanta. The system has been in use for some time north of Spencer, but has not been extended to Atlanta, at a considerable cost to the company. The average block is about three and one-half miles in length and provision is made that no train can proceed on a block until the same has been cleared by all other trains, which, it is believed, will be a great protection to the traveling public, as well as to the property of the company.

— Raleigh Times, Dec. 38: Mr. Frank S. Gannon, at present of the Metropolitan Street Railway of New York, who receives a salary of $30,000 per year as vice president of that company, will, on the 5th of January, become vice president of the Howland Improvement Company, which has the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad and will take active charge of the operation of the road. Mr. Gannon is one of the best equipped railroad men in the country. He was for years the Third Vice President of the Southern Railway Company, coming to that road from the New Jersey Central and his connection with the A. and N. C. at this time is a strong addition to the official force of that company.

— Raleigh Post: Bunnie P. Mangum, aged 22 and a bridegroom of only a few weeks, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his brother-in-law, Spurgeon Bailey. This heartrending tragedy occurred while a party of young men were out bird hunting in Barton's Creek township, north of Raleigh, Wednesday afternoon. The hunters had just finished a covy of birds, and Spurgeon Bailey, who had not fired his gun, was lowering the weapon and uncocking it at the same time when the gun went off and the entire load entered the back of Mangum's head, who was standing only a few feet away. Death was instantaneous. Mr. Bailey was almost crazed with grief. The companions of the unfortunate young man removed his body later to the home of the deceased. The burial will take place to-day. Bunnie P. Mangum was the son of the late J. Dorris Mangum, whose postoffice was Neuse. He was just 22 years old on the first day of this month, was married to Miss Nona Clara Bailey, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Bailey, near Neuse. By this tragedy of yesterday this girl of only nineteen is made a widow by her brother's hand.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

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—A dispatch from Winston-Salem says: The rotary slicer veneer machine invented by Mr. C. R. Traxler, of this city, the largest and only one of its kind in the world, has just been installed and tested here with most satisfactory results. The machine promises to be one of great value and importance to the woodworking industry. It was built for the United States Veneer Company, of this city, by the United Engineer and Foundry Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., at its Yorktown, Ohio, branch. An entire year has been consumed in the making of the patterns, the preparation of materials, the casting of the heavy segments, the shaft, the stay logs, knife bed, etc., and in the shipment of the machine and its erection at the present location. Eight or ten cars were required to transfer the machine and its pieces from Youngstown, Ohio to Winston-Salem. Its weight is over one hundred and fifty tons or over three hundred thousand pounds in excess of the largest locomotive ever constructed. Although the machine is necessarily of immense size and weight in order to obtain the proper rigidy and strength and to avoid any variation or "wot bling" the simplicity of the mechanical operation is remarkable. The power required is furnished by a one hundred and twenty-five horse power boiler. Besides being able to produce the best veneer at a minimum cost the machine has a capacity far beyond that of any other now employed in the veneer business. It is designed especially for cutting veneering from quartered oak for which the demand is greater than the supply, but the machine will also cut mahogany, walnut, maple, Spanish cedar or any variety of timber fully as well as quartered oak.

GOT HIS HAIR BACK.

Was Perfectly Bald When He Started to Use Newbro's Herpicide.

Frederick Manuell, Maryland bldck, Butte, Montana, bought a bottle of Newbro's Herpicide, April 6, '99, and began to use it for entire baldness. The hair follicles in his scalp were not dead and in 29 days he had hair all over his head. On July 2 he writes, "and today my hair is as thick and luxuriant as any one could wish." Newbro's Herpicide works on an old principle and with a new discovery—destroy the cause and you remove the effect. Herpicide destroys the germ that causes dandruff, falling hair, and finally baldness, so that with the cause gone the effect cannot remain. Stops falling hair at once and a new growth starts. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

HARDIN'S PHARMACY, Special Agent.

WISHING

— Everybody —

A Very Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year

We sincerely Thank our many friends and patrons for THE BIGGEST HOLIDAY TRADE we ever had and beg to solicit your valued Footwear trade for 1905.

SOLE AGENTS —FOR—

Cordially Yours

SHOES.

Mercer & Evans Co.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, at Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 10th, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$ 916,938 68
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	400 45
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits	104,800 00
Bonds, securities, etc	89,950 00
Banking houses, furniture, and fixtures	30,000 00
Other real estate owned	10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	135,896 07
Due from State Banks and Bankers	138,062 68
Due from approved reserve agents	71,627 95
Notes of other National Banks	9,460 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	684 09
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	$35,366 00
Legal tender notes	39,694 00 75,060 00
Redemption fund with U. S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,941 50
Total	$1,849,192 02

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	78,866 70
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other National Banks	186,496 91
Due to State Banks and Bankers	130,650 86
Dividends unpaid	520 00
Individual deposits subject to check	764,405 49
Certified checks	600 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	12,950 04
United States Deposits	104,800 00
Total	$1,849,192 02

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1904.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

C. W. YATES,
D. McEACHERN,
JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, } Directors.

nov 16 tf

Christmas Presents.

All the latest Novels, Illustrated Books, Pictures, Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, Bric a Brac of every description, Fancy Box Paper, Calendars, Xmas Cards, and a beautiful line of leather goods.

ROBT. C. DeROSSET,

Bookseller and Stationer.

dec 10 tf — 32 North Front St.

Hamme the Hatter and Clothier.

Comes to the front Xmas Week with a Full Stock of Hats and Clothing. A beautiful assortment of Neck Ties and Silk Handkerchiefs, Boys and Childrens' Suits. Perfect fit Guaranteed. Latest styles and lowest prices.

dec 18 tf — 24 North Front St.

Gaylord's Store,

206, 208, 210 Front Street.

We are ready for holiday trading and have made long and careful preparations to do the biggest selling of Holiday Goods ever before done in this city. Thousands of dollars worth of the world's best and choicest merchandise collected under one roof, embracing every avenue of Art and Fashion, the useful as well as ornamental, the expensive as well as the inexpensive, and things that will delight the little folks and the things that will make their elders happy—all here in profusion not even attempted elsewhere, and all here at prices that will bring them within reach of all.

Aprons — Ladies' white lawn aprons, plain and trimmed, some with bibs for nurses, good quality, now 25c.

Rugs and Art Squares—We have in a great variety of patterns and prices handsome designs that are appropriate or useful gifts to mothers, wives or sisters.

Ladies' Purses and Shopping Bags —An absolute necessity to every woman and a gift that would be greatly appreciated. Purses and card cases in all the popular colors, and each grade the best that can be bought for the price, 25c to $2.

Dress Suit Cases and Hand Bags —Big line.

Ladies' Wraps and Furs are here, ready for gift buyers and are priced very low for such quality as they are made of. To see is to appreciate.

35c. Fringe Linen Towels, this week 25c.

Umbrellas—Another choice gift, and we have them for ladies and gentlemen in all grades, from 50c. to $2.50.

Men's fancy silk Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, 50c to $1.

Neckwear is always appreciated by the men and we claim the swellest line to be seen here. String, midget, club, four-in-hand and tecks, great variety of patterns, for 25c each.

Millinery—Our line is complete. Ladies' fancy collars 25c to $1.

Handkerchiefs—Our handkerchief stock has received special attention for the holiday trade and is the largest we have ever had—5, 10, 15 and 25c,

Shoes—And don't forget our shoes for ladies, men and children. You know what they are and they would be appreciated as a gift by man, woman and child.

Royal Cuticle Soap—Price 10 cents; sale price, 3 for 10 cents. See our window display.

Fine huck towels, 18 by 36 inches, 15c value, special price, 10c each.

Don't fail to visit our new store for toys of all kinds.

Furniture—We are headquarters in style and low in price.

GEO. O. GAYLORD.

Sole Agent for Crossett Shoes and McCall's Patterns.

Send us your mail orders. — dec 11 tf

OUR THANKS

To our many patrons for their favors during the past season are respectfully tendered.

Our business has been larger than our force could possibly handle, and we beg that any shortcoming in service be pardoned.

With a greater stock, increased and improved facilities, you are assured of prompt, correct attention to your orders.

Wedding Presents in a complete assortment.

GEORGE HONNET,

Jeweler and Silversmith,

dec 28 tf — 12 North Front street.

ANY MAN

whose debts are paid and who has $10.00 in the Bank is a CAPITALIST. Put aside something each week or each month—SOMETHING—if only a dollar.

Deposits made with us on or before January 1st bear interest from that date at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

No better place in the world to keep your money safe than in

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co,

108 Princess Street.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. — H. WALTERS, Vice-President.
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier. — de 23 tf

To Our Customers

We take this occasion to thank each and every one of our customers for their most liberal patronage during the year 1904. A continuance of same during the year 1905 will be much appreciated.

Wishing you all a merry Xmas and most prosperous 1905.

We are

D. L. GORE CO.,

Wholesale Grocers and Importers,

dec 25 tf — Wilmington, N. C.

Christmas Books

Fancy Goods, Novelties and Toys. Pictures, Calendars, Cards.

Beautiful line Holiday Goods to be sold this week at

C. W. Yates & Co.,

tf — Market Street.

THE LIGHT OF THE NEW YEAR

at the end of one of VANN'S special 5c. hand-made Havana filled cigars is a guarantee of a long, sweet, happy smoke, and if you resolve to smoke these only hereafter, 1905 will be the red letter year of your life.

dec 27 tf

WANTED—YOU—To improve

your opportunity and increase your salary by taking a DAY or NIGHT course in Shorthand, Bookkeeping or Telegraphy at the

WILMINGTON BUSINESS COLLEGE.

dec 27 tf

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

Cocoanuts,
Raisins,
Mixed Nuts,
Florida Oranges (to arrive.)
Prunes,
Dried Apples,

and a full line of CANDY.

Write us for quotations before buying elsewhere.

S. P. McNAIR,

de 6 tf — Wilmington, N. C.

Before Selecting

Your Xmas Gifts please call and see our

Brass Andirons,
Brass Shovel and Tong Sets,
Carving Sets,
Pocket Knives,
Razors,
Leggings,
Hunting Boots, Vests.

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The party will be limited to 150 persons, therefore reservations should be made promptly, in order to secure proper accommodations on the steamship "Olivette," the most commodious ship of the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company, which will convey the party to Havana.

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State of North Carolina,
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H. L. Vollers who sues in behalf of himself and all other creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company,

vs.

Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company.

By direction of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the above entitled cause, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company to present and make due proof of their claims before the undersigned on or before January 2, 1905, or they will be barred and precluded from participating in the distribution of the assets of the above named company.

D. McEACHERN, Receiver.

December 1, 1904.
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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Dec. 1, 1904.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 43	No 41
Lv Wilmington	9 15 a m	9 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 08 p m	9 32 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 26 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 04 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 09 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 29 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 25 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	5 35 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 05 p m
Ar Wilson	11 32 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 48 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

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SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 30 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	3 55 a m
Ar Charleston	11 10 p m	11 25 p m	6 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 02 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	6 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	7 30 p m	10 25 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	* Daily.	Daily.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m	
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 10 p m	
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m	
Ar Charleston	5 14 p m	5 55 a m	
Ar Florence	7 59 p m	9 25 a m	
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m	

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Lv Wilmington	3 10 p m	Ar 3 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	10 35 p m	Ar 4 45 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 5 40 p m

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Leave Hamlet	8 50 a m	10 10 p m
" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 10 p m
" Raleigh	11 46 a m	1 30 a m
" Norlina	1 35 p m	3 27 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	6 30 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 35 a m
" Washington	8 36 p m	10 10 a m
" Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 35 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 31	No. 35
Leave New York	12 25 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 12 a m
" Baltimore	5 10 p m	2 57 a m
" Washington	6 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	10 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 00 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	3 35 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	5 53 a m	6 16 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 30 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 15 p m
" Athens	6 18 a m
Arrive Atlanta	8 40 a m

NORTHBOUND

	No. 38
Leave Atlanta	9 00 p m
" Athens	11 23 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND

	No. 43
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 10 p m
" Columbia	12 20 a m
" Savannah	4 40 a m
" Jacksonville	9 40 a m
Arrive Tampa	5 45 p m

NORTHBOUND

	No. 66
Leave Tampa	8 50 a m
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m
" Savannah	12 10 a m
" Columbia	6 30 a m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

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Suburban Schedule,

In Effect December 10, 1904.

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†7.00 A. M.	8 15	
10.00 A. M.		12.30 P. M.
3.00 P. M.		5.00 P. M.
*6.10 P. M.	7.30 P. M.	
*10.00 P. M. (Sat'day)	10.20 P. M.	(Sat'day only

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(Daily except Sunday)

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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 30.

JAPANESE CAPTURE RIHLUNG MOUNTAIN.

Stormed the Fort After a Tremendous Bombardment and a Desperate Fight With the Garrison.

By Cable to the Morning Star

HEADQUARTERS JAPANESE ARMY, BEFORE PORT ARTHUR, via Fusan, Dec. 29.—Rihlung Fort was captured at 3 o'clock this morning with 1,000 Japanese casualities. Seven dynamite mines exploded at 10 o'clock yesterday and made breaches in the front wall, through which a large body of Japanese charged under cover of a tremendous bombardment and captured the first line of light guns. A bitter fight resulted in the capture of the fort. The garrison, numbering 500 men, escaped.

Rihlung Fort, situated on Rihlung mountain, formed part of the inner circle of the chain of forts defending Port Arthur. Rihlung is situated about two miles from the outskirts of the town of Port Arthur from which it bears due northeast. The fort just captured is a mile and a half southeast of Keekwan fort, recently occupied by the Japanese. The possession of these two forts make an important breach in the fortifications of Port Arthur and cut off communication between the Golden Hill forts and the western section of the inner circle fortifications. From Rihlung mountain, which is nearly opposite 203-Metre Hill, it will appear that the Japanese fire will be able to reach anything in the harbor and town which the Japonese heavy guns on 203-Metre Hill are unable to hit, thus making it apparently impossible for the Russian squadron to make any use of Port Arthur even should the Japanese content themselves with holding their strong positions at Port Arthur.

HARMONY IN SEABOARD.

Opposition to Reorganization Withdrawn. Financial Plan Outlined--Denied Morgan is Trying to Acquire Road.

A special dispatch to the Baltimore Sun from New York says:

"At the close of the monthly meeting of the Seaboard Air Line directors which was held to-day, it was learned that the threatened opposition to the reorganization has been withdrawn. Ladenburg, Thalman & Co., who were reported as heading the movement to oppose the scheme, are now working in harmony with Blair & Co, Thos. F. Ryan and the others in control of the road.

"Routine business only was transacted at the meeting. The directors, however, afterwards informally discussed the reorganization scheme, which has practically been completed. Attorneys for the road are examining its provisions and verifying them in detail to learn whether they are in conformity with the laws of the seven States through which the Seaboard passes.

"The plan, as outlined, is a thoroughly comprehensive one and will provide for the future needs and developments of the road for many years to come. Particular care has been taken to provide that all stockholders, from the owners of small lots of shares to those who have heavy interests in the securities, will partake alike, in proportion to their holdings, of the benefits to be derived from the money to be raised by the reorganization.

"It is denied that J. P. Morgan & Company are trying to acquire the road or that they are supporting a plan to enter it in a community-of-interest agreement with the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line. It is pointed out that any such arrangement would meet with strong opposition in the South and that it would also be prohibited by the State laws."

INVOLUNTARY BANKRUPTS.

Petition Filed Against the L. F. DeBordenave Lumber Co., of Norfolk.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 29.—The L. F. DeBordenave Lumber Company was thrown into involuntary bankruptcy to-day by the filing of a petition by consent for the Blades Lumber Company of Elizabeth City, N. C., claiming a debt of $395; J. H. Coler, of Norfolk, claiming a debt of $396 and Metzer and Matthews, of Norfolk, claiming a debt of $90. While the total liabilities claimed by the petitions aggregate $771, the obligations of the corporation are estimated at $20,000 or more. Its assets consist of mills in Surry county and a large stock of lumber on hand, five million feet of standing timber, a logging outfit and a herd of horses. The officers of the bankrupt company are A. R. Chalmers, of Smithfield, president; L. F. DeBordenave, vice president, secretary and treasurer. These with T. S. Purdie, R. T. Gwathney and Charles T. Bowdoin are the directors. The petitions claim the company committed bankruptcy in transferring funds amounting to about one hundred dollars to a creditor a few days ago.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Plans for Stations Along the Coast from Maine to Texas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Rear Admiral Manney, chief of the bureau of equipment, has completed plans for the establishment of a line of wireless telegraph stations extending from Cape Elizabeth, near Portland, Maine, to Galveston, Texas, many of the stations having a range of 250 miles. The new stations will include one at Cape Henlopen, at the mouth of Delaware bay; Diamond Shoal Lightship, off Cape Hatteras; Beaufort, North Carolina; navy yard, Charleston, S. C.; Pensacola, New Orleans, and Galveston. The bureau of equipment will advertise for bids for the construction of these stations.

British schooner King of Avon, Capt. Morris, bound from Nova Scotia for Alexandria, Va., with a cargo of rock plaster, put in at Brunswick, Ga., in distress. She encountered a severe gale on December 20th.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

CENSUS BUREAU'S COTTON STATISTICS

Director North Surprised and Concerned at Movement of Cotton Growers.

TO WITHHOLD THE RETURNS.

He Gives Notice That Continuance of the Movement Will Result in Discontinuance of Cotton Ginning Reports of Census Office.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Director of the Census North, in a letter to Representative Burleson, of Texas, made public to day, makes notice of the situation presented by the cotton statistics given out for publication yesterday, and expresses his surprise and concern at the recent alleged movement in the Southern States, "apparently approved and augmented by the cotton growers themselves, to destroy the census reports by concerted refusal of the ginners to make returns. Director North asserts that a continuance of the cotton ginning reports is impossible without the sympathetic and whole-hearted co-operation of the ginners of the South." Immediately after the receipt of the letter, Mr. Burleson, a member of the House Census Committee, and who was the author of the provision making appropriation for the gathering of cotton statistics, gave out an interview in which he upheld the director in the work now being done by his bureau. The letter is as follows:

Washington, D. C., December 29.—Hon. Albert S. Burleson, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:—It seems proper to invite your attention to certain anomalous conditions which confront the census office in carrying out the provisions of Section 9 of the Act to establish a permanent census office directing the periodical collection of the statistics of cotton production through the agency of the ginners. This provision was inserted in the law at your urgent request and that of other Southern representatives, on the plea that it was necessary for the protection of the cotton producers against the speculators and others interested in depressing the price of the staple for their own profit. It was urged that enormous losses resulted from the untrustworthy estimates put forth every year by speculators and agents of the Liverpool market, and that early and trustworthy official information regarding the size of the crop would protect the grower, disarm the speculator and market manipulator, and permit the law of supply and demand to regulate the price.

Since the law was passed Congress has appropriated and this office has disbursed more than $125,000 a year in the collection and dissemination of this information. The system has been gradually perfected until it has become more nearly perfect than any similar plan for obtaining exact knowledge of the size of any agricultural crop during the progress of harvesting.

No complaint has been made that the census reports are not accurate; indeed, for a year or two past, we have been able to trace the crop so closely that practically every bale has been accounted for.

The statistics increase in value every year; for it becomes possible, by comparison of the statistics of one year with those of the same date in preceding years, to judge the size of successive crops with an accuracy never before known or approximated.

The ginning reports of the census office have crowded out the speculative and interested estimates referred to, and the single object which the Southern representatives have in view, in urging this legislation, has been successfully accomplished.

In view of these facts I have been surprised and concerned at the present movement in the Southern States, which is apparently approved and augmented by the cotton growers themselves to destroy the census reports, by the concerted refusal of the ginners to make the returns upon which they are based. Thus far the movement has not seriously affected our work, but if it continues and spreads, it will necessarily destroy its value during the coming year. It appears to have been suddenly discovered that these reports, undertaken solely at the demand of the cotton grower, are highly detrimental to his interests. Mr. E. F. Webber, president of the Memphis Cotton Exchange, is quoted as declaring that "the cotton interests of the South have everything to lose and nothing to gain by their continuance. they put the manufacturing interests in possession of information which works irreparable injury to the South."

My attention has also been called to the so-called "National Cotton Ginners' Association," the purpose of which is stated to be "to gather accurate and reliable information regarding the amount of cotton produced in advance of the government report." It also appears that this information is to be sent in code; and the members of the association will be sworn not to divulge it.

The information is still highly desirable, but possession of is still to be restricted to those who grow and gin the cotton.

I can understand the disappointment of cotton growers at the present prices of cotton and their feeling that these prices are due to the unusual size of the year's cotton crop, early and definite knowledge concerning which has been given to the public by the census reports. But I confess myself unable to follow the reasoning which leads the growers and through them the ginners, to imagine that it will be to their advantage, because of this exceptional situation, to destroy the efficiency of their official machinery through which they learned the present situation, early knowledge of which has undoubtedly extended the change in the price of cotton over a much longer period, and thus saved the growers and country from a much larger loss than would otherwise have been encountered in connection with this year's crop. It would seem to be plain that in the long run, taking one year with another, only one thing can decrease the speculative element in the business of cotton selling and thus permanently benefit the cotton growers and that is knowledge of the exact truth as to the size of the crop from an absolutely impartial and trustworthy source, at the earliest practicable dates. This was the unanimous contention of the Southern representatives in Congress when the law was passed.

It is not my purpose, however, to argue the matter. I simply desire to call your attention to the fact that the continuance of the census cotton ginning reports is impossible without the complete, sympathetic and wholehearted co-operation of the thirty-odd thousand ginners of the South. The census office cannot enter into competition with a cotton ginners' association which proposes to gather the same data "for private information only." Moreover it cannot continue to promulgate statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned to certain dates after it has reason to believe that these reports are no longer correct, in consequence of a concerted boycott by the ginners. Otherwise it would be guilty of the identical evil of misrepresentation its reports were established to prevent. The census bureau has no interest in the matter whatever, beyond the discharge of its duty as established by law, and the maintenance of its reputation for the compilation and publication of accurate statistics.

I have, therefore, decided to notify you in this manner and through you the cotton growers of the South, that the continuance of the movement which they have begun will necessarily result in the discontinuance of the cotton ginning reports of the Census Office, for without the hearty and general co-operation of the ginners, those reports would become valueless and their compilation an unpardonable waste of public money. The situation would then revert to what it was five years ago. But after the private and interested estimates controlling the market price have again for a few years been too high, as they undoubtedly will be, and the repeated losses of the cotton growers in consequence, have again convinced them that the change they demanded in 1901 was a wise one, it will be far more difficulty and may be impossible to induce congress to re-establish a system which the cotton growers set up once before only to tear it down when it chanced that a knowledge of the facts was to their disadvantage.

I deem it my duty to acquaint you with the probable course of the census office in order that you may take any steps which may seem to you desirable or necessary in connection with the matter. Very respectfully,

S. N. D. NORTH, Director.

THE STEAMER DRUMELZIER.

Abandoned Last Night as a Total Wreck. Captain and Crew Landed by Life-Savers on Oak Island.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—With signals of distress and her half-masted ensign still flying, the steamer Drumelzier was abandoned to night as a total wreck by her captain and crew, who were taken off the craft and landed on Oak Island by the crews of the Fire Island and Oak Island life-saving stations. Early in the day eighteen men of the crew were taken off the stranded steamer by the surf boat of the Sandy Hook station which was towed down to the scene. The men were brought to this city later on a tug. Captain Nicholson, Chief Engineer Wood and the remainder of the officers and crew decided to remain aboard until officially notified that the vessel had been placed in the hands of the wrecking company, in order to obviate any claim for salvage on the derelict.

THREE PERSONS LOST LIVES.

In the Burning of a Farm Residence Near Geneseo, N. Y. State.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GENESEO, Dec. 29.—Three persons lost their lives in a fire which totally destroyed the farm residence of Charles McMillan at the head of Conesus Lake early today.

The dead are Charles M'Millan, Mittie McMillan, his sister; Frank M'Millan, his nephew.

Lulu M'Millan, another sister, escaped. The cause of the fire has not been explained. The M'Millans were among the prominent families of Livingston county.

The three M'Millans all lost their lives in an attempt to save the house from destruction. Aroused by the crackling of the flames the family fled from the house in their night clothes and awoke a farm hand who occupied a house a few rods away. He arrived on the scene just in time to see Charles, Frank and Charlotte, rush into the burning building with pails of water. Lulu McMillan and Mary Dornan, a servant, were restrained by main force from following the others. The charred bodies of two of the victims were found in the ruins. It is supposed the third body is in the debris.

A GEORGIA TRAGEDY.

Man Killed His Mother-in-Law, Attempted to Kill His Wife and Shot Himself

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

THOMASVILLE, GA., Dec. 29.—After killing his mother in-law, Mrs. W. H. Parrish, making a desperate attempt to kill his eighteen year old wife, and shooting himself twice with a Winchester rifle here to-day, J. B. Barrow is lying in the city hospital to-night in a precarious condition, closely guarded by officers. Barrow is an engineer on the Atlantic Coast Line. He is 38 years old and had been married but two years. His wife was twenty years his junior. Domestic infelicity is given as the cause of the tragedy. The verdict of the coroner's jury does not say whether murder was committed or the killing was accidental.

WEDDING AT SAINT PAULS, N. C.

Miss Addie Johnson Married to Mr. L. A. McGeachy, of Florida.

[Special Star Correspondence.]

LUMBER BRIDGE, N. C., Dec. 29.—A wedding of more than usual interest was that solemnized in the Presbyterian church at St. Paul's, Robeson county, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, when Mr. L. A. McGeachy, of Duval, Florida, led to the altar Miss Addie Johnson, of St. Paul's, N. C.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph Evans, assisted by Rev. D. P. McGeachy; brother of the groom, and witnessed by a large gathering of friends and relatives from various quarters. The contracting parties are members of two of the most prominent families in the Scotch section of the State and the interest felt in the young couple was manifest in many ways.

Among those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Malloy, of Valdosta, Ga.; Rev. and Mrs. D. P. McGeachy, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. J. A. McGeachy, of Wilmington, N. C., with large delegations from Lumber Bridge, Spring Hill and neighboring sections.

The bridal party entered the church to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march rendered by Miss Mary Jeannette McNeill Misses Josie Evans and Eloise Shaw were ribbon girls, Miss Mary McLauchlin and Miss Margarette McGeachy were maids of honor and Messrs J L Shaw and Walter Johnson were ushers The bride was given away by her brother, Mr James Johnson, and the best man was Mr James A McGeachy

The church, beautifully decorated and lighted, was a fitting scene for the impressive service which made the two lives one An informal lunch and reception, given by Mr and Mrs L Shaw, followed the ceremony

The young couple were the recipient of numerous handsome and useful pres sents They left after the reception for the Florida home of the groom and are followed by the best wishes of uncounted friends

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HEROIC WORK OF THE LIFE-SAVERS.

Thrilling Story of the Rescue of the Officers and Crew of the Steamer Northeastern.

WRECK ON DIAMOND SHOALS.

Taken Ashore by Life-Savers at Kinnakeet, Creed's Hill and Hatteras Stations After a Long and Desperate Struggle.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 29.—After being imprisoned on the wrecked oil steamer Northeastern nine miles off Cape Hatteras for thirty-six hours, Captain Wilder and his crew of twenty-one men were taken ashore at noon to-day by the crews of Kinnakeet, Creed's Hill and Hatteras life-saving stations.

The big steamer is pounding Diamond Shoals under a terrific sea and is given up by the crew as a total loss.

In a bewildering fog Tuesday night the Northeastern on her way up the coast from Port Arthur, Texas, to Philadelphia or New York, with a cargo of crude petroleum, shoved her prow into the deadly sands off Hatteras and was fast in the clutches of the graveyard of shipping before her crew realized what had happened.

This was at 11 o'clock and before day had come the gale that swept over the country from the middle West had struck the sea and waves were crashing over the helpless vessel incessantly.

The force of the wind and tide threw her on her port beam and the flood of water extinguished her fires before her inflammable cargo could become ignited. Had this not been the case the twenty-two men aboard the Northeastern would have met a horrible fate with no possible chance of escape.

When morning dawned the wreck was sighted by the life-savers and the weather observatory at Hatteras. She was nine miles off shore and the water between was a seething mass of mountainous waves. No surf boat ever built could have lasted one minute in such a sea, and the life guards on the coast had to stand by and watch the big ship being pounded by the waves as helpless to aid those on board as the crew was to aid itself.

By sundown Wednesday there was little hope existing among the watchers on the beach that life could be sustained aboard the stranded vessel, but when darkness came, the gloom was suddenly pierced by a faint gleam of light which carried the message that some of the vessel's company was still alive.

Preparations were at once begun to make desperate efforts towards morning to reach the ship. The crews of Creed's Hill and Kinnakeet life-saving stations were summoned to the scene to aid the Hatteras men. During Wednesday night the wind diminished but the temperature dropped about twenty degrees and the spray from the waves froze as it was swept across the beach by the dying gale.

The sufferings of those on board the Northeastern were terrible during these hours, but the signals burned by the life-savers sent cheer and hope across the nine miles of angry waves, and this morning at sun up the hardy life-savers began their attempts to get a surf boat through the seas that were plunging viciously against the shore.

Again and again the staunch life boats were sent head-on into the sea only to be caught up by a monster wave and hurled back on the beach. Human determination conquered the elements after a three hours' struggle, and at 9 o'clock three life-boats with their brave crews were safely across the breakers and battling with the outside seas on their way to the steamer.

When the surf men reached the wreck they were confronted with a problem of great danger and difficulty. The sea, while it had subsided to some extent, was still in an angry mood and the little life boats were being tossed like cockle shells about the helpless mass of steel. Lines were finally strung between the boats and the Northeastern, and after much trouble every man was taken from the vessel in safety.

Over six hours were consumed before the first of the boats reached shore again. The almost exhausted crew were cared for by the Hatteras life-savers and their sufferings from exposure and the tossing of the ship attended to.

No statement could be secured from Captain Wilder to-night owing to the fact that the coast wires were broken shortly after the barest facts concerning the rescue were obtained.

The vessel, it is said, will be a total loss.

The Northeastern is a steel ocean freight steamship built in Chicago in 1901 and is owned by C. Counselman, of Cincinnati. She is 256 feet long, 42 2 feet beam and 26 5 depth. Her horse power is 184 indicated and 1,150 normal.

The Northeastern sailed for Port Arthur December 7th from New York, arrived on the 17th and sailed the same day.

At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon the captain decided that it was unwise to remain longer on the ship, which was being terribly buffeted by the heavy sear, and asked immediate rescue. The crews of the near by stations responded to his signals and after a hard struggle the men were taken off and landed at Oak Island.

The rescue of the men on the Drumelzier was hazardous in the extreme and attended by many thrilling incidents.

It was 3:30 this afternoon when the big ocean going tug Katheryn Moran left Sandy Hook with the life-saving crew aboard and towing the large surf boat. The wind was blowing forty miles an hour and it took six hours for the tug, continually beaten back by huge combers, to reach the scene of the wreck. The Drumelzier was found lying side on the beach, one-fourth of a mile from the shore. She was listed about sixty degrees to starboard and the spray which dashed over the ship reached to her masthead. Great gaps were seen in the steamer's sides through which the waves rolled in relentless energy. The crew were huddled together vainly trying to find a place of shelter from the fury of the sea.

P. D. Quinley, law partner of J. P. Dawley, counsel for Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, said yesterday that nothing would be done in regard to securing bail for Mrs. Chadwick before next Tuesday, if then.

Jones M. Withers, Camp No. 675, United Confederate Veterans of Mobile, Ala., has forwarded to President Roosevelt an invitation to visit Mobile, assuring him of a hospitable Southern welcome from all Confederate veterans.

On pleasant days there is no better place to spend an hour or two than the beach. The 10 o'clock car lays over at the beach an hour and three quarters. The 3 o'clock car lays over an hour and one quarter.

Y. M. C. A. NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION.

Elaborate Arrangements for Annual Affair on Monday Evening, January 2nd.

The annual New Year's reception at the Y. M. C. A., Monday evening of the coming week promises to be a most delightful and elaborate affair. The hours will be from 8 to 11 o'clock and the affair will be under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, members of which will compose the receiving party. Mrs. C. C. Covington will have especial charge of the reception of guests, assisted by members of the Y. M. C. A., social committee.

The decorations will be a feature of the charming affair, Mrs. L. A. Blue being chairman of the committee for that work. Already arrangements are well under way for the elaborate function to which the general public is most cordially invited. Refreshments will be served by a committee under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Dreher.

The reception will open with an exhibition by the gymnasium classes, led by Secretary Chas. Dushan, and practices are already being held. A fancy wand drill by the entire class with a musical accompaniment by Mrs. Mattie L. Chasten will open the exercises in the "gymn." Then will follow in the order named: Exhibition on the horse and spring board by the Juniors. (2) High Diving. (3) Exercises with German horse lengthwise. (4) Exhibition of general class exercises, (5) Fancy exercises on spring board by Messrs. J. J. Loughlin and R. P. Houston. (6) Fancy exercises on parallel bars by Secretary Chas. Dushan. (7) Relay Race.

W. P. GAFFORD, ESQ., ATTORNEY.

Elected Yesterday by Clarendon Savings and Loan Co.—Directors' Meeting.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Clarendon Savings and Loan Company yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, Walter P. Gafford, Esq., was elected a member of the Board and was subsequently unanimously chosen as attorney for the association, succeeding the late, lamented Jno. H. Gore, Jr., Esq. A committee composed of Col. Walker Taylor, Messrs. Charles Schnibben and H. G. Fennell was appointed to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of Mr. Gore, who was one of the live members of the association and a safe counsellor in all matters of law and judgment.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. D. C. Love, president; Col. Walker Taylor, vice president; Mr. S. P. Collier, secretary and treasurer; Messrs. H. G. Fennell, Charles Schnibben, W. S. Armstrong, Thos. H. Wright, J. L. Jordan and D. L. Gore. The election of Mr. Gafford as attorney for the association, is a handsome compliment to him and at the same time brings to the organization a splendid legal adviser and a man of practical business ability.

PERUCHI-GYPZENE NEXT WEEK.

Another Seven Days of Popular Prices With Three Matinees—Bills.

The Academy of Music will be tenanted by the Peruchi-Gypzene Co. next week, opening with "A Blue Ridge Girl" for the matinee bill. The production Monday night will be a society comedy drama in four acts entitled "A Midnight Marriage." Most of the incidents of the play are of a farcical nature, but there is a sub-plot with a genuine dramatic in erest and an inciden al love story. The leading role of "Rastus," in a Blue Ridge Girl, is well fitted to Mr. Peruchi, while the part of "Tatlers" will be assumed by Miss Gypzene, the clever little comedienne. There will be up-to-date vaudeville acts at each performance, and also a change of plays with matinee Wednesday and Saturday.

— Miss May Ford, who has been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. P. Goldsborough, at the Colonial Inn, has returned to her home in Wilmington, Del.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Groceries at cost—Every family has to eat. Why not buy your groceries from yourself. You then get them at cost. You must be interested in saving money on your grocery bill. Let us explain to you how it can all be done. Drop us a postal card and we will send our representative to call on you and explain our plan. Only a limited number more can be admitted. Address The Co-operative Grocery Co., city. dec 30 1w

Italian String Band—First and Second Violin and Harp. will furnish music for all occasions. address John Francisco, 308 Walnut street, Wilmington, N. C. de 29 1wt

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Ladies—That old machine, or new one, may be giving you some trouble. Let me know by postal card at 114 Walnut st. Will comeat once to your residence. 25 years experience. J. B. Farrar. de 29 4t

For Sale—South of Market. Eight Houses renting for $24 per Month. Price $1 970. North of Market. 2 houses and lots for $1,000. Apply to S. C. Darby & Co., Real Estate Agents, 114½ Princess street. de 29 tf

Call on A. S. Winstead for Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Irish Potatoes, and all kinds of country produce. A. S. Winstead, 213 Market street. Bell 'Phone 203. dec 29 tf

Mechanics' Home Association will open new series St. and L. 1 ock Jan. 7th, 1905 Subscribe now. Nathaniel Jacobi, President; W. M. Cumming, Secretary and Treasurer. Dec 21 tf

We want to put a velvet collar on your Overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club. no 5 tf

Hello! Call phone No. 1132. D. A. Rowan, Practical Tin and Sheet Iron Worker, Plumber and Gas Fitter, 218 Market St. no 20 3 m

Furnished rooms for rent. Hot and cold bath on same floor. Apply 212 Walnut street, two blocks from A. C. L. Station. nov 17 tf

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Between Front and Water.

Dill Pickles and Sweet Pickles in Bulk.

North Carolina Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Mackerel, Water Ground meal, fresh from the mill.

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WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

To all that contributed this year to the success of this business we extend our thanks and appreciation In 1905 we will offer very special inducements for your trade. It will be to your interest to come to this store often to keep in touch with the many good values offered each day. Out out of town customers should write us often in 1905 for samples and prices. Remember we pay transportation charges on amounts of $5 and over. If the goods are not as represented return them at our expense.

Two Special Sales For January.

"THE CLEARING SALE."

The Clearing Sale comes First. All goods bought in 1904 will be sold At Cost.

Watch for the date.

"THE WHITE SALE"

Follows the Clearing Sale.

Only New White Goods offered at very special prices

Watch for the date.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

dec 30 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth Streets

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Cut—which determines the "hang"—is the tell-tale of beauty and grace in an Overcoat; the touchstone that tests the skill of the maker. The least expensive Overcoat here shows accurate cut and tasteful tailoring. We've won leadership deservedly.

OVERCOATS	$10
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We Cordially Invite

You to inspect our Holiday stock. We are showing a very complete assortment of high grade Perfumery, Celluloid Brushes and combs and other toilet articles. There is nothing more appropriate for Holiday Gifts than choice perfumery. The lady who uses elegant perfumery secures an additional charm—because it is the unusual that attracts. Anticipating the pleasure of a call from those interested,

I remain, yours respectfully,

Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

P. S.—See window display. dec 16 tf

29th Semi-Annual Dividend.

The Board of Directors of the Carolina Insurance Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent., payable on January 3rd, 1905.

M. S. WILLARD,

de 29 2t th su Secretary.

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HIDES AND FURS OF ALL KINDS.

Highest Market Prices Paid.

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Happy New Year.

This last leaf is torn from the calendar and we write down a new year, 1905, and we begin where we left off. But we begin right,

There will be no step backward.

Within the year your store has grown in volume and prestige and commands increased respect. In

Wishing You a Happy New Year

and thanking you for our growth and prosperity, we promise better things—improvements in merchandise, methods and store service.

Your store shall be something better than a place to hand out goods and take in money. May the new year be kind, and when time shall harvest 1905, may we all be here and able to say Happy New Year.

The A. David Co.,

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Apply now a 100 pound bag of NITRATE OF POTASH on an acre as a top-dresser, and see what it will do.

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THE CHRISTMAS STORE,

TIMELY HINTS FOR CHRISTMAS TIDE.

Your Christmas Shopping: 'Twere well 'twere done quickly.

Not only because you will then have time to think of everybody you want to remember, and will not be likely to forget some particular friend in the rush at the end,

But because you can get exactly what you want, in the uncrowded hour, before the hurry begins; satisfy yourself, as well as the giver; and, as a rule, save money by not having desperate recourse, at last, to more expensive and less appropriate gifts.

The moral—of yearly repetition—is: Begin your Christmas buying early.

And "Polvogt's" is the Christmas store.

We have the largest assortment of Dolls in the City—Full assortment of Toilet sets, Shaving Sets, &c. &c

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

dec 10 tf

Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 28, 1904.

The Directors of Atlantic Trust and Banking Co. have declared a dividend of 3 per cent., payable January 1st, 1905, to stockholders of record, December 28th, 1904.

MILTON CALDER,

dec 29 tf Cashier.